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GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

Bronin Eyeing State Office

Hartford Mayor Forms Exploratory Committee For Governor's Race

By JENNA CARLESSO
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HARTFORD – Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, the Greenwich native who won the top office of Connecticut's capital city with a vast war chest but little political experience, says he will formally explore a bid for governor.

Bronin, 38, is expected to file papers with the state Thursday setting up an exploratory committee, his first serious step toward joining a race that has attracted dozens of would-be candidates but no front-runners.


"I've been encouraged by people to explore a run for governor because, I think, they've seen the way I've tried to

tackle a historic fiscal crisis in the city of Hartford while at the same time promoting a real revitalization in our city," said Bronin, who will soon begin talking to town committee members and voters across the state.

Bronin, a Rhodes Scholar and Yale Law School graduate, has done stints at the U.S. Treasury Department, worked

in the private sector for an insurance giant and was recently a top legal adviser to Gov. Dannel P. Malloy. Bronin has served as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve and was deployed to Afghanistan.

"As things sit right now, he would be



Bronin

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SONGS FOR ANA GRACE



JAZZ MUSICIAN Jimmy Greene's daughter Ana Grace, at top, was killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook shootings. Greene is planning a concert benefiting a scholarship in Ana's name for WCSU freshmen in the music program.

Jimmy Greene, Friends Host WCSU Concert

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When Jimmy Greene returned to his Newtown home on Dec. 14, 2012, he bore the weight of grief that has been with him ever since.

"Every day is difficult," Greene said in an interview Wednesday.

But the jazz saxophonist and music educator said he also found a sustaining memory at the end of that awful day. Six-year-old Ana Grace Márquez-Greene, who had been killed along with 19 Sandy Hook Elementary School classmates and six adults, had left her father a gift.

"Once I got home, we were greeted by a lot of family and friends," Greene said. "I walked into the playroom and on the desk I found these pages that had been stapled together. It was in the form of a book, and each page had beautifully drawn flowers of different sizes and colors, one on each page.

"The cover said, 'Ana's Flower Book — from Ana to Dad.' She had been working on it, but I had never seen it before," Greene said. "She had done that for no special

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- ▶ U.S. House approves a bill that makes it easier for gun owners to carry concealed weapons across state lines. **Page A4**
- ▶ Advocates from Newtown travel to Washington, D.C., to rally against the concealed-carry bill. **Page B1**

NEW ISRAELI CAPITAL

Jerusalem Edict Stirs Fear, Hope

Local Leaders React To President's Decree

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President Donald Trump's formal recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel Wednesday sparked divergent opinions among local religious leaders and concern about the prospect for renewed violence in the troubled region.

"I have determined that it is time to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel," Trump said in a speech from the White House Wednesday afternoon. "After more than two decades of waivers, we are no closer to a lasting peace agreement between Israel

▶ Trump reverses decades of U.S. policy, defying international criticism. **Page A3**

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MERGER AGREEMENT

Aetna To Keep Name For 5 Years

Deal Termination Fee Would Be \$2.1 Billion

By **STEPHEN SINGER**
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Aetna Inc. will keep its identity for at least five years after it's purchased by CVS Health Corp., according to a filing with federal regulators.

The merger agreement filed Tuesday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission dives into the details of the \$69 billion blockbuster deal. It calls for maintaining Aetna as the primary brand for the insurance business of CVS and its subsidiaries for five years.

And it requires CVS to preserve for three

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



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In honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy has ordered flags in the state to be flown at half-staff on Thursday. The national observation honors the 2,400 people, including 17 from Connecticut, who lost their lives in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. Events are planned throughout the state to remember and honor veterans who served in World War II and the service members and civilians who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor. At left, smoke rises from the USS Arizona as the ship sinks. More than 1,000 men died on the Arizona, which remains in the water off Oahu. **Story on Page B2**

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HIGH 44°
LOW 25°

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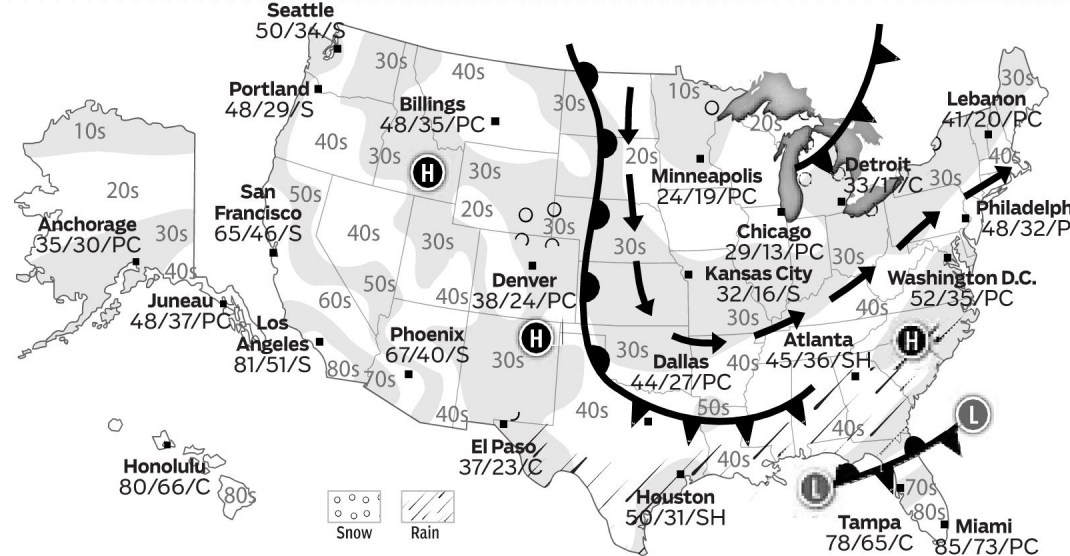
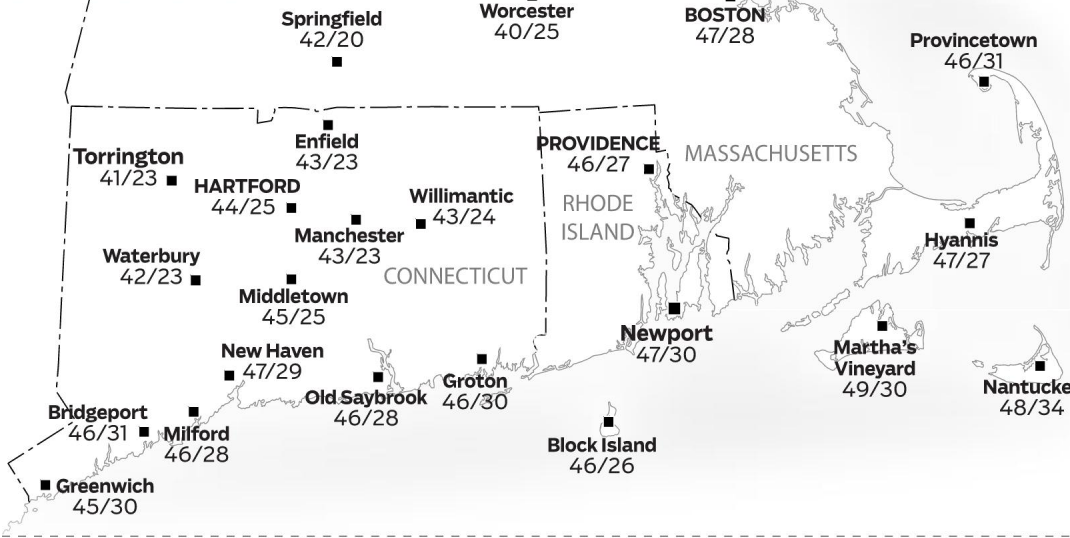
HIGH 38°
LOW 20°

Partly cloudy and cool. High temperatures in the mid-upper 30s.

HIGH 37°
LOW 27°

FOX 61 WEATHER

YOURCAST



OUTLOOK

A big pattern change will get underway later this week, turning the weather colder and more active. Yes, we're talking about a few chances for snow. The first will be on Saturday from an offshore storm. Right now the most likely scenario is just some light snow with the bulk of the storm staying out to sea. While less likely, we can't rule out a track farther west which could bring something more substantial. Flurries are also likely Sunday.

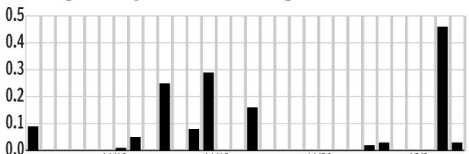
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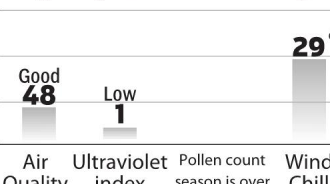
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.43	0.12
Month to date	0.52	0.75
Total this year	43.69	43.16

► Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	7:05 a.m.
Sunset	4:20 p.m.	4:20 p.m.
Moonrise	9:06 p.m.	10:14 p.m.
Moonset	10:41 a.m.	11:23 a.m.



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AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	41 21 PC
Burlington	39 25 C
Caribou	36 20 C
Concord	42 18 PC
Montpelier	36 20 C
Mt. Wash.	14 3 C
Portland	45 24 S
Woods Hole	46 31 S

NATION

Albany	41 23 PC
Albuquerque	36 22 PC
Atlantic City	48 26 PC

Baltimore	48 30 PC
Birmingham	48 29 C
Bismarck	34 22 C
Boise	35 17 S
Buffalo	35 24 C
Charleston	49 41 R
Cincinnati	35 17 PC
Cleveland	33 19 PC
Indianapolis	30 16 PC
Jacksonville	54 48 SH
Las Vegas	61 37 S
Miami Beach	84 72 PC

Milwaukee	27 14 PC
Nashville	44 22 C
New Orleans	45 36 SH
New York	45 32 PC
Okla. City	38 20 PC
Omaha	29 22 PC
Orlando	78 61 C
Pittsburgh	36 20 PC
Raleigh	51 39 C
St. Louis	36 19 PC
Salt Lake City	38 20 PC
San Antonio	47 33 SH

WORLD

San Diego	74 49 S
San Juan	84 74 SH
Tucson	58 35 S
Amsterdam	46 37 R
Athens	61 43 S
Baghdad	57 43 PC
Bangkok	86 75 PC
Barbados	82 77 T
Beijing	41 23 C
Beirut	61 45 S

Berlin	46 41 PC
Bermuda	74 69 PC
Bombay	88 66 PC
Budapest	39 36 PC
Buenos Aires	84 63 C
Cairo	68 43 S
Cancun	84 72 PC
Dubai	79 64 SH
Dublin	45 34 PC
Edinburgh	45 30 SH
Freeport	84 61 PC
Helsinki	41 37 SN

Hong Kong	72 63 S
Istanbul	54 48 PC
Jakarta	89 78 T
Jerusalem	54 41 PC
Johannesburg	72 54 T
Kingston	88 75 PC
Lima	68 61 PC
Lisbon	57 50 PC
London	54 36 SH
Madrid	48 34 S
Mexico City	75 46 S
Milan	47 37 PC
Montreal	32 21 PC
Moscow	27 18 SN
Nairobi	79 61 PC
Nassau	86 64 SH

New Delhi	73 50 S
Paris	50 36 R
Prague	43 39 PC
Rio de Janeiro	86 68 C
Rome	57 45 PC
Seoul	43 19 C
Singapore	93 72 T
St. Petersburg	30 28 SN
Stockholm	45 37 R
Sydney	84 68 PC
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Trump rocks Mideast status quo

His recognition of Jerusalem sparks protests, praise

BY TRACY WILKINSON AND BRIAN BENNETT
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Saying that “old challenges demand new approaches,” President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that the United States will recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and will begin a process to transfer the U.S. Embassy to the ancient city, reversing decades of American policy and defying widespread international criticism.

“Today we finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel’s capital,” Trump declared in a speech at the White House. “This is nothing more or less than a recognition of reality. It is also the right thing to do.”

Trump acknowledged that his announcement, which he followed with a signed proclamation, would generate “disagreement and dissent.” It sparked protests in Palestinian territories and a fresh round of denunciations in foreign capitals worried about a new outbreak of violence in the volatile region.

But Trump said his administration would not follow the “failed policies of the past.” And he took a swipe at previous presidents who failed to officially recognize Jerusalem or move the embassy.

“Some say they lacked courage, but they made their best judgments based on facts as they understood them at the time,” he said.



Protesters chant slogans against the U.S. and Israel on Wednesday at a mosque in Istanbul, Turkey. Scattered violence was reported in the Palestinian territories.

“Nevertheless, the record is in. After more than two decades ... we are no closer to a lasting peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. And it would be folly to assume that repeating the exact same formula would now produce a different or better result.”

Israelis and Palestinians both claim Jerusalem as their capital, and until now, neither claim was widely recognized. Instead, the international consensus, backed by United Nations resolutions and all U.S. presidents, was to negotiate the city’s status as part of a peace deal to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

No other country has established an embassy in Jerusalem, and the White

House said it would take several years to select a site and build the facility. But Trump’s 11-minute speech fulfilled a core campaign pledge, one crucial to some conservative Jews and evangelical Christians in his base who believe the U.S. must do more to support Israel.

Trump insisted that his decision would not derail his administration’s so-far unsuccessful efforts to restart long-stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Trump said he is not taking a position of any final status issues, including the specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem, or resolution of contested borders, for any future negotiations. He also

said he would “support a two-state solution if agreed to by both sides,” the long-sought formula for a peace deal.

Many Israelis were ecstatic, praising Trump for recognizing the reality on the ground. The government of Israel has controlled all of Jerusalem since the 1967 war, and its parliament, Supreme Court and most government departments are based there.

But Palestinians, who claim east Jerusalem as the capital of their eventual independent state, were furious, as were U.S. allies throughout Europe and the Arab world.

Heads and patriarchs of Christian churches in Jerusalem also bemoaned

the decision. They represent various branches of the Christian faith, including Greek, Syrian and Armenian Orthodox churches; Episcopalians; Catholics; and Lutherans.

“We are certain that such steps will yield increased hatred, conflict, violence and suffering in Jerusalem and the Holy Land,” the 13 leaders said in a letter to Trump.

Many Middle East experts in Washington also were dismayed by Trump’s plan to change U.S. recognition of a city revered as holy by all three monotheistic faiths: Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

“There is no upside to this. What does he gain?” asked Daniel Kurtzer, who served as U.S. ambassador to Israel under President George W. Bush. “And for them to say this could jump-start the peace process, it shows they don’t have a clue about peace” in the Middle East.

Martin Indyk, who served twice as U.S. ambassador to Israel and was a special Middle East envoy under President Barack Obama, said on CNN that Trump’s decision to declare Jerusalem the capital but delay moving the embassy was “an attempt to have it both ways.”

“It will please nobody,” Indyk said, “and it could well generate violence.”

Scattered violence was reported early Wednesday in Palestinian territories, including the burning of U.S. and Israeli flags in the Gaza Strip. U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the region were put on alert in anticipation of potential protests.

Palestinians declared “three days of rage,” pegged to peak after Friday prayers.

Several world leaders argued that the move makes plain U.S. bias in favor of Israel and the hard-right government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Previous U.S. administrations have cast themselves as honest brokers in the Middle East, toiling to resolve one of history’s most intractable conflicts. The appearance now, at least in the Arab world, is that Trump has taken one side.

Trump made his case forcefully at a National Security Council meeting last week at the White House, officials said. Vice President Mike Pence and Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, argued for recognizing Jerusalem, and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was among those opposed, a White House official said.

In another Mideast move, Trump on Wednesday called on Saudi Arabia to end its Yemen blockade immediately, citing humanitarian concerns.

“I have directed officials in my administration to call the leadership of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to request that they completely allow food, fuel, water, and medicine to reach the Yemeni people who desperately need it,” Trump said in a statement.

A Saudi-led coalition has been fighting to defeat the Iran-backed Houthis since March 2015.

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Pressure builds against Franken

Democrats press senator to resign amid accusations

BY CATHLEEN DECKER
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party’s patience with Sen. Al Franken evaporated Wednesday in the wake of a new accusation against him of sexual misconduct, and in an uprising led by women, more than half of the party’s senators demanded he resign — a decision that could arrive as soon as Thursday.

The cascade of opposition opened when Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York said “it would be better for our country” if Franken left office. Within minutes, Sens. Kamala Harris of California, Patty Murray of Washington, Mazie Hirono of Hawaii, Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire and Claire McCaskill of Missouri released similar statements.

“Sexual harassment and misconduct should not be allowed by anyone and should not occur anywhere.

I believe the best thing for Senator Franken to do is step down,” Harris said.

Later Wednesday, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., joined in, saying in a statement that Franken should step down immediately.

The choreographed Democratic actions were intended to impose maximum pressure on Franken, who had resisted resignation even as he vowed full cooperation with a Senate ethics committee investigation into a series of allegations against him by women that began last month.

As the calls for his resignation grew, Franken announced that he would make a statement about his future Thursday.

Minnesota Public Radio reported Wednesday that a Democratic official who has spoken to Franken and key aides said Franken will resign his seat Thursday.

A Democratic official with knowledge of Franken’s decision told The Minneapolis Star Tribune that Franken planned to step down Thursday. But a



Franken



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, left, said Wednesday that “it would be better for our country” if Sen. Al Franken resigned. He said he would make a statement about his future Thursday.

Franken staffer pushed back against that report late Wednesday: “Not accurate. He’s still discussing with his family,” the staffer wrote in a text message to a reporter.

If Franken steps down, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton, a Democrat, would appoint a replacement who would serve until next November’s mid-term election.

The developments were the latest to hit a capital reeling from a spate of sexual harassment allegations, an extension of the nationwide repudiation of such actions in corporate suites, media companies

and other firms.

Democrats have also wanted to draw a contrast with Republican willingness to stand by Roy Moore, the GOP Senate candidate in Alabama who has been accused of acts that included molesting a 14-year-old girl when he was in his 30s.

Democrats also have long defended more than a dozen women who accused President Donald Trump of sexual improprieties dating back decades, only to have the president cast them as liars.

All those pressures combined to produce a cascade

Wednesday as more senators added themselves to the list. By mid-afternoon, well over half the Senate’s Democrats, as well as independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont, had called for him to step down. So, too, had Republicans Susan Collins of Maine and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Franken’s fellow Minnesota Democrat, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, issued a statement Wednesday that implied she favored — and expected — a resignation.

“Sexual harassment is unacceptable,” she said. “This morning I spoke with Senator Franken, and, as

you know, he will be making an announcement about his future tomorrow morning. I am confident he will make the right decision.”

The moves against Franken came the day after the spreading scandal claimed the senior member of the House, Democratic Rep. John Conyers, 88, of Michigan, who resigned after former aides accused him of sexual harassment and unwanted advances.

Rep. Ruben Kihuen, a Democrat from Nevada, was trying to fend off demands by the party’s House leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, and others that he depart after a former campaign aide recounted repeated acts of sexual aggression against her during the 2016 campaign. Kihuen apologized for making the aide “uncomfortable,” but said he will not resign.

By contrast, Republican leaders, including Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who had asked for Conyers’ resignation, have made no similar demands of Texas Rep. Blake Farenthold, who allegedly harassed an aide who received an \$84,000 taxpayer-financed settlement, which was revealed last week. Farenthold told a Texas TV station that he did nothing wrong but would try to repay the money.

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considered one of the stronger candidates,” said Marc DiBella, head of Hartford’s Democratic town committee. “He’s got great pedigree. He’s a smart guy. He understands government.”

But the young mayor will still have hurdles to clear. Political observers noted his lack of name recognition, his close relationship with Malloy – one of Connecticut’s least popular governors – and his relative inexperience as challenges he’ll face in the months ahead.

After initially saying he was an unlikely candidate, Bronin surprised allies and critics with his announcement two weeks ago that he was seriously considering a run for governor after Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman opted out.

More than two dozen business leaders and politicians have already signaled that they are considering a run, following Malloy’s revelation in April that he would not seek a third term. Among those who have expressed

interest include Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, former West Hartford Mayor Jonathan Harris, Middletown Mayor Dan Drew, Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and Trumbull First Selectman Tim Herbst.

Bronin “would have to be put somewhere up front,” said Richard Balducci, a former House speaker who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for governor in 1994. “He understands the process. He’s a well-respected and intelligent individual. He’s proven himself to be capable.”

Roy Occhiogrosso, a veteran political consultant and former Malloy adviser, said Bronin’s mettle outweighs his lack of experience in elected office.

“This is somebody who, with no electoral experience in a very crowded field, managed to get elected mayor of Hartford,” he said. “He certainly has all the tools at his disposal to become a front-runner.”

Bronin’s interest in running has also stoked irritation among some groups, including labor unions, which the mayor has tangled with for months in a bid to secure givebacks. Lori Pelletier, president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, said union leaders “couldn’t imagine how they could get their members to go

out and knock on doors” for Bronin.

“We’re still a long way away, but I think it’s important that whoever is the next governor, they’re able to connect with workers,” she said. “From what I’m hearing from people who had to deal with him in the Hartford area – they don’t think he’d protect our rights if he was sitting in the governor’s office.”

Bronin could also have a tough time separating himself from Malloy, who has notched some of the lowest approval ratings of any Connecticut governor. Bronin worked as Malloy’s general counsel for two years, and the pair have been spotted together at countless events since Bronin took over in Hartford. Malloy endorsed Bronin during his mayoral run.

A state GOP Twitter account recently posted a 45-second video faulting Bronin for Aetna’s departure and Hartford’s troubled finances. Set to ominous music, the clip features the soundbite: “Hartford, Connecticut has seen better days. More than a century ago, it was the richest city in America. Today, it’s on the brink of bankruptcy.” Images of Bronin are spliced between aerial shots of the capital city.

Before Bronin’s victory in 2015, he pledged

to serve out his first four-year term. A few months after taking office, the mayor was coy about his future plans, but told The Courant: “My intention is to finish this term, and I expect to run for another term.”

Bronin’s ability to fund raise could be his biggest strength in a gubernatorial run. He collected more than \$1 million in his first major bid for elected office – more than any Hartford candidate in recent memory. Funds came from as far west as Beverly Hills, Calif., and included contributions from Hollywood studio executives, federal workers and high-powered law firms. By midyear in 2015, Bronin had reported \$55,575 from Greenwich donors alone.

For his part, Bronin shook off concerns that his connections to Malloy would be a lead balloon, or that an early departure from the mayor’s office would haunt him or the city. He said he’s optimistic that his record and recent efforts in Hartford would go over well with voters.

“If I become a candidate for governor, I think my record as mayor will stand on its own,” he said. “I’m proud of the work that I’ve done at the federal level, at the state level and here in Hartford.”



COURANT FILE PHOTO

THE GREENES — Jimmy, center, and Nelba Marquez-Greene, right, and other Sandy Hook families met with the media in 2013. Although five years have passed since Ana’s death, Jimmy Greene says the pain is no easier but “I’m more aware of what I’m going to be feeling.” Greene hosts a concert to raise funds for a scholarship in Ana’s name.

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occasion, just because that’s who she was.”

On Saturday, the jazz saxophonist and some of his best friends are to perform in the Love Wins! Benefit Concert meant to honor the spirit of Ana Grace and support the variety of music she loved. Professional musicians are donating their time and talent, an “outpouring of love,” Greene said, to raise money for the Ana Márquez-Greene Scholarship Fund at Western Connecticut State University.

Established soon after the killings, the scholarship helps freshmen in the music program at WCSU, where Jimmy Greene is an associate professor and co-coordinator of jazz studies. Two players in the benefit concert, tenor saxophonists Nathan Edwards and Jack Riotte, are

current WCSU students and scholarship recipients, Greene said.

The composer and worldwide performer still lives in Newtown with his wife, Nelba Márquez-Greene, and their teenage son, Isaiah. A Bloomfield native who has played saxophone since age 6, Jimmy Greene, 42, said Ana Grace was a self-assured child who inherited an affinity for music from both her parents. The girl loved to sing and dance and enjoyed a wide mix of sounds, from Gospel to Broadway.

“She just sang along to whatever was on the radio,” Greene said. “She just loved music, whether it was me playing or her brother playing. She liked the musical, ‘Annie!’ She had very wide-ranging tastes.”

Ana Grace has inspired her father’s music, including Greene’s albums, “Beautiful Life” and “Flowers.” Asked how he copes on anniversaries of the massacre, Greene says people describe the grieving process in stages, “and at

the end you’re supposed to be all better.”

“But from my experience,” he said, “that’s just not true.”

There is joy each day in remembering his daughter and the support and love people have shown. Tears come when he thinks of the measureless loss, Greene said, and on most days, there is anger and a lingering question, why? Faith has helped him bear the burden, he said, and time has taught him the range of emotions to expect.

“For me, it’s not that my pain and loss is easier to deal with now five years later,” Greene said. “It’s just that I’m more aware of what I’m going to be feeling.”

The concert is set for 8 p.m. in the Veronica Hagman Concert Hall of the WCSU’s Visual and Performing Arts Center, 43 Lake Ave. Ext., in Danbury. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$50 for a VIP reception with the musicians before the concert. For more information and tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/2iZzb2z>.

Jerusalem

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and the Palestinians. It would be folly to assume that repeating the exact same formula would now produce a different or better result.”

Trump said in his announcement that the decision does not signify that the United States is taking a position on specific issues central to peace negotiations among Israel and the Palestinians. He said the country would support a two-state solution.

However, a number of local leaders say the move negates the country’s efforts to act as an impartial advocate in the process and were pessimistic about the prospects for peace.

“It flies in the face of everything American leaders have done to maintain impartiality,” said Reza Mansoor, president of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford. “If we continue taking these measures despite everybody telling us not to, how do we blame anybody but ourselves for the bloodshed?”

“I don’t see anything positive coming out of this,” he added.

Connecticut Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal, often a detractor of the president, backed Trump’s decision and said he was hopeful about the prospects for peace.

“Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, and I’ve strongly supported acknowledging that simple fact,” he said in a statement Tuesday ahead of Trump’s announcement. “My hope is that the president’s announcement of his recognition of Jerusalem will be followed by meaningful steps to advance the peace process, including secure borders for Israel and a two-state solution.”

But Anat Biletzki, the Albert Schweitzer professor of philosophy at Quinnipiac University and a retired professor of philosophy at Tel Aviv University, echoed Mansoor’s concerns, saying Trump made it “explicit” that America stands on one side of the issue.

“It’s true that so many level-headed people think this is the wrong step to make right now, and it is also dangerous,” Biletzki said.

Wajid Ahmed, spokesman for the Connecticut chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, described the decision as “provocative.”

“Through such provocation that we risk wars, and the risk of going to war and violence increases as well,” Ahmed said. “This decision goes toward inflaming the situation in the Middle East.”

Howard Sovronsky, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, said Wednesday that his organization’s primary concern “is for the safety of the people in the region and what this might provoke.”

Sovronsky added that timing is key, specifically with the process of relocating the American embassy. White House officials have said Trump will again sign a waiver to temporarily keep the embassy in Tel Aviv, estimating that it will take years before a new embassy can open in Jerusalem.

“It’s not necessarily new news, but it’s a question of timing and what this will ultimately do to maintaining stability in the region,” he said. “How it impacts future peace talks, we don’t know. We’ll have to see.”

Sen. Chris Murphy said in an emailed statement Wednesday that he was concerned about the impact of Trump’s decision, while noting he generally supports recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and relocating the American embassy there “when the time is right as part of a comprehensive peace agreement.”

“Former Republican and Democratic presidents alike have understood the monumental security and foreign policy challenges inherent in moving our embassy, and have decided to delay the move in order to focus on making peace,” Murphy said. “I am concerned that President Trump’s decision was made without fully considering the political and security implications, and will further set back any hope of a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians.”

“If we mess this up, it could lead to violence in Israel and across the Middle East, put American diplomats in harm’s way and jeopardize the fragile regional partnerships we have in our fight against ISIS,” he said.

CONCEALED-CARRY PERMITS

House OKs Bill Expanding Gun Owners’ Rights

By **MATTHEW DALY and RICHARD LARDNER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans rammed a bill through the House on Wednesday that would make it easier for gun owners to legally carry concealed weapons across state lines, the first significant action on guns in Congress since mass shootings in Nevada and Texas killed more than 80 people.

The House approved the bill, 231-198, largely along party lines.

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The measure would allow gun owners with a state-issued concealed-carry permit to carry a handgun in any state that allows concealed weapons. It now goes to the Senate.

Republicans said the

reciprocity measure, a top priority of the National Rifle Association, would allow gun owners to travel freely between states without worrying about conflicting state laws or civil suits.

Opponents, mostly Democrats, said the bill could endanger public safety by overriding state laws that place strict limits on guns.

Rep. Elizabeth Esty, D-Conn., called the bill an attempt to undermine states’ rights, “hamstringing law enforcement and allow dangerous criminals to walk around with hidden guns anywhere and at any time. It’s unspeakable that this is Congress’ response to the worst gun tragedies in American history.”

Esty represents Newtown, Connecticut, where 20 first-graders and six educators were fatally shot in 2012.

Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who was shot in the head in 2011, denounced the House action.

“I’m angry that when this country is begging for courage from our leaders, they are responding with cowardice,” she said in a statement.

The NRA applauded the vote. The concealed-carry bill “is the culmination of a 30-year movement recognizing the right of all law-abiding Americans to defend themselves and their loved ones, including when they cross state lines,” said Chris W. Cox, executive director of the group’s political and lobbying arm.

The House vote came as the acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said his agency expects to regulate bump-stock devices and could end up banning them.

Aetna

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years Aetna Foundation Inc., the charitable and philanthropic arm of Aetna, “in a manner consistent in all material respects” with Aetna’s charitable mission and its name.

The two companies set a Dec. 3, 2018, deadline for the Rhode Island pharmaceutical company to buy the Hartford health insurer.

Under some circumstances, the “end date” may be extended by either company to March 3, 2019.

If the deal is terminated, CVS or Aetna may be required to pay a \$21 billion termination fee to the other.

The two companies announced the \$69 billion blockbuster deal Sunday. CVS said it’s looking to expand into managing the entire range of patients’ health, not just drug costs.

The two companies said personalized health care can be delivered by connecting Aetna’s network of providers with greater consumer access through CVS. It includes more than 9,700 CVS pharmacy sites and 1,100 MinuteClinic walk-in clinics.

WORLD & NATION

Trump says shutdown possible, blames Dems

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump warned Wednesday that a government shutdown was possible this weekend because Democrats were demanding to have “illegal immigrants pouring into our country,” tossing incendiary rhetoric onto a partisan showdown that had been showing signs of easing.

Trump’s comments risked roiling a White House meeting with congressional leaders of both parties planned for Thursday aimed at averting a shutdown and sorting through year-end disputes over the budget, immigration and other issues.

With money for federal agencies running out at midnight Friday, Republican leaders plan to push a bill through Congress this week financing the government through Dec. 22. That would give bargainers time to work through their disagreements, but they will need Democratic votes to succeed.

Democrats have been using their leverage to insist on spending boosts for health care, infrastructure and other domestic programs that would match increases Republicans want for defense.

Democrats are also seeking an agreement to extend protections for hundreds of thousands of immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children. Trump ended safeguards against deportation three months ago but has expressed an openness to restoring them.

“It could happen,” Trump said about a shutdown. He said Democrats “want to have illegal immigrants pouring into our country bringing with them crime, tremendous amounts of crime. We don’t



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Rep. Nancy Pelosi tweeted, “the only person talking about a government shut-down” is the president.

want to have that. We want to have a great, beautiful crime-free country.”

His remarks before a Cabinet meeting drew a tweet from House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. She called Trump “the only person talking about a government shut-down” and said Democrats hoped Trump would consider “an agreement to address the urgent needs of the American people and keep government open.”

Hours later, the White House released a more conciliatory statement that praised Congress’ top Democrats, Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. The statement by spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said the two Democrats had decided to “put their responsibility to the American people above partisanship” and said Trump was anticipating productive talks between “leaders who put their differences aside.”

Trump had criticized Pelosi and Schumer, D-N.Y., shortly before a similar meeting last week, which Democrats then boycotted.

It was unclear what Trump was referring to with his initial, more hostile remarks.

Democrats have opposed his plan to build a wall along the border with

Mexico, but have expressed a willingness to fund other border security measures. Democrats have also opposed Trump’s effort to stop letting legal immigrants apply to bring their relatives to the U.S.

Trump also referenced his ban on travel into the U.S. from six Muslim nations, saying, “We don’t want to have radical Islamic terrorism in this country.” While Democrats have opposed that ban, the issue hasn’t appeared to be part of the budget talks.

Earlier Wednesday, hard-right House conservatives signaled an openness to a short-term spending bill.

“We’ve got to get across the finish line on tax reform,” Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., leader of the House Freedom Caucus, told reporters after the group met privately early Wednesday. “Any distraction from that is a problem.” Asked if a federal shutdown would be a problem, he said, “Of course.”

Top Republicans are adamant about not sparking a federal shutdown that would deal the latest blow to a party that has strained all year to show it can govern effectively. They want voters riveted on the party’s nearly \$1.5 trillion tax bill, the paramount priority for them and Trump.

Meadows said his group had not taken a final position on whether it will back the short-term bill, but he and several other conservatives stopped short of saying they would oppose it.

He and conservative leader Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, met with top House Republicans and said they were seeking a strategy to reduce Democrats’ budget leverage by quickly approving a full-year budget for the military. It was unclear how Republicans could prevent Senate Democrats from blocking such a move.



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NEWS BRIEFING

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U.S. homeless population swells for 1st time since 2010, data find

LOS ANGELES — The nation's homeless population increased this year for the first time since 2010, driven by a surge in the number of people living on the streets in West Coast cities.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released its annual Point in Time count Wednesday, a report that showed nearly 554,000 homeless people across the country during local tallies conducted in Janu-

ary. That figure is up nearly 1 percent from 2016.

Of that total, 193,000 people had no access to nightly shelter and instead were staying in vehicles, tents, the streets and other places considered uninhabitable. The unsheltered figure is up by more than 9 percent compared to two years ago.

Rents have soared beyond affordability for many lower-wage workers in the West.

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Self-styled prophet charged with abduction of girls in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — A man described as a self-styled prophet was charged Wednesday with child abuse and kidnapping after two girls were found hidden in plastic water barrels near what authorities called a makeshift compound in the southern Utah desert.

Samuel Shaffer, 34, led a group with beliefs in doomsday and polygamy, police said. He left the two girls in the 50-gallon barrels

to hide them from authorities, police said.

Two other girls were also found in an abandoned trailer Monday. The four girls ranged in age from 4 to 8, police said.

Two of the girls were Shaffer's children, and the other two were daughters of his follower John Coltharp, 33.

Coltharp has also been charged with child kidnapping and obstruction of justice.



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The Villarrica volcano in Chile shows signs of activity Wednesday near Pucon, a town 500 miles south of Santiago. Villarrica is reportedly one of Chile's most active volcanoes.

Brain abnormalities reportedly found in U.S. Embassy mystery

WASHINGTON — Doctors treating the U.S. Embassy victims of suspected attacks in Cuba have discovered brain abnormalities as they search for clues to explain hearing, vision, balance and memory damage, The Associated Press has learned.

It's the most specific finding to date about physical damage, showing that whatever it was that harmed the Americans led to perceptible changes in their brains. The finding is also one of several factors fueling growing skepticism that some kind of sonic weapon was involved.

Medical testing has revealed the embassy workers developed changes to the white matter tracts that let different parts of the brain communicate, several U.S. officials said, describing a growing consensus held by university and government physicians researching the attacks.

White matter acts like information highways between brain cells.

Loud, mysterious sounds followed by hearing loss and ear-ringing had led investigators to suspect "sonic attacks." But officials are now avoiding that term. The sounds may have been

the byproduct of something else that caused damage, said three U.S. officials briefed on the investigation. They weren't authorized to discuss it publicly and demanded anonymity.

Physicians, the FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies have spent months trying to piece together the puzzle in Havana, where the U.S. says 24 U.S. officials and spouses fell ill starting last year in homes and later in some hotels.

Cuba has denied involvement. The FBI investigation has struggled to identify a culprit, method and motive.

6 file suit alleging 'Weinstein Sexual Enterprise'

NEW YORK — Six women sued Harvey Weinstein and men who served on the board of his film company Wednesday, accusing them of functioning like an organized crime group that used agents, producers and others to prey on women seeking a break in a competitive industry.

The racketeering lawsuit in federal court in New York sought to represent "dozens, if not hundreds" of women who say they were assaulted by Weinstein after being isolated in close quarters such as a hotel room after bystanders were sent away.

Lawyers for the women

say Weinstein used his company to supply himself with a steady stream of victims, and to cover up his misbehavior, an effort they dubbed the "Weinstein Sexual Enterprise."

The lawsuit mirrored one filed in Los Angeles last month that did not identify plaintiffs by name.

LA expected to be largest recreational pot city in U.S.

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles is in line to become the nation's largest city with legal recreational marijuana after the City Council voted Wednesday to license sales and cultivation next year.

The vote came after a hearing in which council members characterized the rules as a work in progress almost certain to see revisions next year, after California launches its recreational pot industry in January.

City Council President Herb Wesson's office said city rules would take effect after the signature of Mayor Eric Garcetti, which is expected. Under the Los Angeles rules, residential neighborhoods would be largely off-limits to pot businesses, and buffer zones would be set up around schools, libraries and parks.

Medical pot has been legal in the state for two decades.

Terror plot? Naa'imur Zakariyah Rahman, 20, has been ordered held Wednesday after being accused in a plot to assassinate British Prime Minister Theresa May. Another man, Mohammed Aqib Imran, is accused of trying to join the Islamic State but wasn't charged in connection with the plot. The two were arrested Nov. 28.

Outdoor company Patagonia filed a lawsuit Wednesday to block President Donald Trump's cuts to Utah's Bears Ears National Monument. Patagonia becomes the fourth legal challenge after Trump announced Monday he would shrink Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah.

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BUSINESS

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\$5 BILLION IN ACQUISITIONS

UnitedHealth Buying Clinics

Action Comes 3 Days
After CVS-Aetna Deal

By TOM MURPHY

Associated Press

The nation's biggest health insurer is spending nearly \$5 billion to buy hundreds of clinics, just three days after rival Aetna announced a tie up with CVS Health Corp. Minnetonka, Minnesota-based UnitedHealth Group Inc. said Wednesday that its Optum segment will buy the DaVita Medical Group from DaVita Inc. in a cash deal expected to close next year.

Health insurers have been pushing deeper into managing or providing patient care in order to cut costs and improve health, especially for people with chronic conditions. DaVita Medical Group runs nearly 300 primary and specialty care clinics in several states. It also has about three dozen urgent care centers and six outpatient surgery centers. Optum already operates more than 1,100 primary, urgent care and surgery centers through a business it has been expanding. On Sunday, CVS said it would pay about \$69 billion for Aetna Inc., the nation's third-largest health insurer. That deal could position the company as a one-stop-shop for

basic health care, chronic disease monitoring, prescriptions and insurance to cover those goods and services. CVS runs nearly 10,000 stores and also operates one of the country's largest pharmacy benefit management businesses. Aetna covers around 22 million people. Leaders of both companies are pitching that deal as a way to complement doctor care. They note that the company's vast network of stores and clinics can help patients stick with treatment plans, monitor their conditions and do other things to improve their health. CVS has been offering blood draws at some of its locations and plans to start adding nutritionists and other expanded

services. Companies hope this more involved approach will keep patients on a treatment plan or living healthier lives, an approach that could ward off expensive hospital stays. Insurers also want their patients to use clinics and care centers as a way to cut down on the over use of expensive emergency rooms for care that isn't dire. DaVita Medical Group serves about 1.7 million people annually in California, Colorado and Florida, among other states. Denver-based parent DaVita Inc. said it will use proceeds from the deal to buy back stock and pare down debt. It plans to focus on its U.S. and international kidney care business.

HARTFORD-CONNECTICUT TRUST CO. BUILDING

SKYSCRAPER'S
NEW PURPOSE

Oldest High-Rise
To Be 'Flexible'
Office Space

By KENNETH R. GOSSELIN

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HARTFORD — The oldest surviving skyscraper in downtown Hartford — the 1921 Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. building — will now get a use for the 21st century. The 17-story, brick-and-limestone edifice at the corner of Main Street and Central Row has been sold for \$4.3 million to Stark Office Suites, a New York company that leases “flexible” office space. Traditionally, landlords build out space for tenants, ink leases of three to five years and provide finished empty space. Stark offers spaces for quick occupancy that are either furnished or partly furnished; opportunities to share spaces such as conference rooms; and the option to move to different suites within the building if a tenant expands or downsizes. “It’s a full-service package that goes beyond what a traditional landlord offers,” Stark’s president, Adam J. Stark said. Tenants can also use space in nine other Stark properties in Manhattan, the wider New York metro area and Fairfield County. Stark said he wasn’t necessarily looking to purchase in downtown Hartford, having read about the city’s financial troubles. But once he visited, Stark

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THE 1921 Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. building has been sold for \$4.3 million to Stark Office Suites, a New York company that leases “flexible” office space.

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GOP REFORM

Tax Bill Causing Greenwich Stress

Housing Markets In High-Tax Blue States May Be Upended

By PATRICK CLARK

Bloomberg

In San Francisco and Scarsdale, N.Y., Jersey City, N.J., and Greenwich, Conn., the real estate talk is the same: Just how bad will this Republican tax overhaul hurt? Even before the GOP Congress forges a compromise bill to send to President Donald Trump, House and Senate plans are unsettling housing markets, especially in high-tax, Democratic-leaning states like California, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Changes to deductions for state and local taxes, property taxes, moving expenses and mortgage interest would lower home values throughout the U.S., according to the National Association of Realtors. At the same time, a change in the capital-gains tax on sales would give homeowners incentive to stay put longer,

keeping houses off the market at a time of historically low inventories. “Tax reform could be yet another catalyst to make the housing-inventory crisis even worse than it already is,” said Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist at San Francisco-based Trulia. Together, the changes backed by the first real estate-developer president will upend the housing market by curbing incentives to both buy and sell homes. The change in tax deductions limits affordability for struggling first-time buyers in high-priced areas, while any shifts for sellers could worsen the housing shortage. The supply of homes for sale has decreased, on a year-over-year basis, for 29 straight months, according to the Realtors group. That streak — one month shy of the record — is likely to keep going, according to Realtor.com. Builders can’t be counted on to save the

market. Construction is well below the pace that was typical before the 2007-2008 financial crisis. Danielle Hale, chief economist at Realtor.com, said that homebuilding will start to ease inventory shortages in the second half of next year — as long as tax reform doesn’t mess that up. Inventories are dropping all around the country. The number of listings in Denver decreased 73 percent since the beginning of 2010, when Trulia started compiling data. The number of available homes fell 67 percent in Charlotte, N.C., 55 percent in Dallas, and 56 percent in Atlanta. A study from Congress’s own bipartisan think tank finds that the biggest beneficiaries of the tax cuts will be the wealthiest Americans, even as Republicans pitch the tax revisions as a benefit for the middle class. While housing affordability is always an issue, many Americans

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GENDER GAP

Investor
Group
Urges
Diversity

Tells Amazon To Add
Female Executives

By JENA MCGREGOR

Washington Post

In the wake of sexual harassment allegations against a now former Amazon executive, a group that advocates for investors sent a letter last week to the online giant, urging it to improve the diversity of its senior executive ranks, among other things. The letter is the second filed by CtW Investment Group, which works with union-sponsored pension funds, and a sign that some investors are growing concerned about the reputation hit companies could face from the recent flood of harassment headlines. “We believe that the evidence suggests that Amazon’s gender diversity gap creates significant risks for long-term shareholders, and that further delays in rethinking Amazon’s approach to human capital management may have dire consequences,” the organization’s executive director, Dieter Waizenegger, said in the letter, which is addressed to Amazon chairman and chief executive Jeffrey P. Bezos. (Bezos owns The Washington Post.) The letter also cites the perception of Amazon as “an excessively high-pressure workplace” and calls for the board to take a number of steps, from setting targets for gender diversity to having a labor-law expert review employment contracts. CtW, which says the pension funds it works with hold about 1 million Amazon shares, or 0.2 percent, also plans to submit a shareholder resolution. It is not clear whether the proposal would become part of Amazon’s next proxy statement, which is required of a firm when soliciting shareholder votes. Companies can request that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission let them exclude proposals if they pertain to “ordinary business operations.” Richard Clayton, CtW’s research director, said that one of the company’s concerns with Amazon was the time lag between 2015, when producer Isa Hackett said she made complaints to the company about behavior by former executive Roy Price, and this October, when Price resigned from Amazon after being suspended by the company. “Why was there was a two-year delay?” Clayton asked. “We’d want to hear the board explain why that happened.” (An email to a lawyer who is reported to represent Price was not immediately returned.) The letter also cites the number of women Amazon has in senior executive roles compared with other tech companies, and says that could have an impact on how the company addresses allegations. It cited numbers from a recent New York Times story, which reported that just one of the top 16 executives (6 percent) at Amazon, known as the “S-team,” is a woman. At Apple, five of the top 19 executives listed on its website (26 percent) are women. Six of the 13 people (46 percent) on Google chief executive Sundar Pichai’s team are women, and three of the 16 executives listed on Microsoft’s website (19 percent) are female. An Amazon spokesman declined to comment on the letter. In a statement previously reported by the Hollywood Reporter, where Hackett described her allegations, an Amazon spokesperson said “we take seriously any questions about the conduct of our employees,” and “we expect people to set high standards for themselves; we encourage people to raise any concerns and we make it a priority to investigate and address them.” Women run several of Amazon’s businesses or divisions, including Stephenie Landry at Prime Now, Jennifer Cast at Amazon Books and Elaine Chang, Amazon’s leader in China. But these women are not

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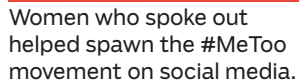
Numerous women have spoken out publicly since October about sexual misconduct by dozens of high-profile men in entertainment, media, business and sports. Time praised those who have given “voice to open secrets, for moving

Time's announcement was made Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show, where longtime host Matt Lauer was fired last week amid harassment allegations. "Today" host Savannah Guthrie acknowledged Wednesday that this year's

The tweets, Instagram and Facebook posts began after actress-activist Alyssa Milano followed on a suggestion from a friend of a friend on Facebook and

Milano and Burke appeared together Wednesday on the "Today" show.

The runners-up for Person of the Year were Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Donald Trump, himself accused of sexual misconduct by numerous women. He has denied any wrongdoing.



BY DAVID S. CLOUD
Washington Bureau



Both the House and Senate intelligence panels are probing a meeting Trump Jr. and other campaign officials held with Russians last year. They're also interested in messages Trump Jr. exchanged with WikiLeaks, which leaked emails from top Democratic Party officials during the campaign.

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BUSINESS

High-Rise

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said he was impressed by apartment conversions, the opening of the University of Connecticut campus and Dunkin’ Donuts Park.

“I feel that the urbanization trend is behind New York in Hartford, but the timing to get involved was right,” Stark said.

The purchase of the 130,000-square-foot building in Hartford — sandwiched between the Old State House and the Travelers Tower — is the first property Stark Office Suites owns. The other properties in its portfolio are controlled under master leases, Stark said.

Stark said his company, founded in 2004, plans to bring fiber-optic technology to the building.

He declined to say how much Stark will invest in upgrades, but indicated it will be “north of a million over several years.”

The price paid by Stark is well above the \$1.5 million paid in 1998 by the seller, Boxer Properties of Houston. Stark said the office tower now is 75 percent occupied.

A focal point of the building is an arcade of tall, round-arched windows in the base that is repeated near the top of the structure. The top of the building was intended to resemble a Roman temple.

U.S. LABOR

Worker Productivity Rises

3 Percent Increase Best Showing In Three Years

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. worker productivity rose 3 percent in the third quarter, the best showing in three years, while labor costs fell for a second straight quarter.

The increase in productivity in the July-September quarter was double the 1.5 percent gain in the second quarter and both quarters were up significantly from a scant 0.1 percent rise in the first three months of the year. Labor costs fell 0.2 percent after an even bigger 1.2 percent decline in the second quarter.

The third quarter figure for productivity was unchanged from an initial estimate while labor costs were initially estimated to have risen

by 0.5 percent.

Economists are hopeful that the upturn in productivity may be a sign that this key measure of living standards is improving after a prolonged period of weakness.

Economists believe finding ways to increase productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, is the biggest challenge facing the economy right now. They say that without an improvement, the Trump administration will have difficulty reaching its goal of doubling economic growth in coming years.

The upturn in the past two quarters reflects the fact that overall output, as measured by the gross domestic product, accelerated sharply following a weak start to the year. GDP grew at an annual rate of

3.3 percent in the third quarter, the government reported last week, and that followed a 3.1 percent rise in the second quarter. It was the first back-to-back GDP gains of 3 percent or better in three years.

Productivity actually declined in 2016, dropping 0.1 percent. It was the first annual decline in 34 years and followed a string of weak annual performances since the economy emerged from recession in mid-2009.

Productivity has averaged annual gains of just 1.2 percent from 2007 through 2016, a sharp slowdown from average annual gains of 2.6 percent from 2000 to 20007. Those increases reflected a boost from the increased use of computers and the internet in the workplace.

Real Estate

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buy a home when they relocate for a new job, get married or start a family regardless of economic conditions.

The Senate bill makes all of its tax changes for individuals temporary, wiping them off the books in 2026. That would include the repeal of the state and local income tax deduction and the \$10,000 limit on the state and local property tax deduction.

Reducing tax benefits to homeownership may hurt values, while motivating potential sellers to stay in their homes longer could have the reverse effect. How the dynamics play out remains to be seen.

The tax changes “are being done to make the corporate tax cut work, and not being done to make the housing market work,” said Redfin chief economist Nela Richardson.

The loss of tax advantages in high-tax states has real estate people in places like Florida preparing for more business. Mike Pappas, chief executive officer of Keyes Co., a Miami-area real estate broker, said the changes could accelerate migration to states like his, where there’s no

state income tax.

“There’s tremendous pressure from millennials coming into the housing market,” Pappas said. “The last thing we need is another deterrent for people to hold on rather than sell.”

Movers would have to overcome a countervailing force — changes in capital-gains tax, which sellers pay on the profit they make on home sales. Changes in that tax would make it less likely for people to sell their homes, real estate experts said.

The GOP proposal preserves the current \$500,000 capital-gains exemption, but allows home sellers to claim it only if they’ve lived in the home for five out of the past eight years, an increase from two years out of five. According to the NAR, 26 percent of sellers live in their homes less than five years.

Changes to the mortgage-interest deduction could keep sellers on the sidelines, at least in expensive housing markets. Current law lets buyers deduct interest on as much as \$1 million of mortgage debt. The House bill lowers the deduction limit to a mortgage of \$500,000, but preserves the larger figure for owners who bought their homes before the bill was proposed on Nov. 2.

Buyers striking a deal after that

date would lose the ability to deduct mortgage interest above \$500,000 under the House bill, offering another reason for owners to stay in their current homes. The Senate keeps the \$1 million limit.

In areas where home prices have gone up quickly, the new tax treatment could add tens of thousands of dollars in additional taxes for short-tenured sellers, according to Skylar Olsen, an economist at Zillow. In Palo Alto, California, a typical homeowner selling after four years would pay an additional \$75,000 in tax on gains from their home sale, according to Olsen’s analysis.

New Jersey real estate broker Nick Boniakowski recently lost a \$14 million sale on a waterfront condo in Jersey City. He blamed the confusion surrounding taxes. Boniakowski said the client hit pause just as the House of Representatives unveiled its tax plan. The client didn’t know how much he’d end up paying, or could no longer deduct, and he didn’t want to make the deal without knowing, said Boniakowski, who works for Redfin.

“Everyone wants information and any kind of fear just paralyzes people,” Boniakowski said. “The uncertainty is freaking people out.”

Amazon

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part of the S-team, which has been described as the core group of senior executives that leads the company. In the company’s public diversity report, Amazon says 25 percent of managers are women on a global level.

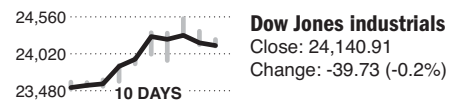
CtW’s letter to Amazon is the second it has sent as sexual harassment headlines have piled up against powerful figures in media and business, and Clayton said it is “actively considering” sending letters to other companies, though nothing is definitive yet. Following the sexual harassment scandal at Fox News, CtW sent an October letter to 21st Century Fox, charging that the board failed to “effectively address the longtime ethics crisis” and pressing it to refresh its lineup of directors.

So far, investors have not been pushing many proxy resolutions focused on corporate harassment policies, and it’s not expected to be a big factor during next year’s annual meeting season, according to the research arm of proxy adviser Institutional Shareholder Services. But that doesn’t mean investors aren’t concerned about issues related to gender. Proposals on gender diversity on the board, more broadly, have been growing in recent years, from just seven in 2012 to 37 this year.

Meanwhile, Eve Ellis, a financial adviser at Morgan Stanley who co-manages a portfolio that examines board diversity when selecting investments, said in an email that investors she talks with “are becoming increasingly aware of the negative impact sexual harassment charges can have on a firm’s performance,” and she watches for signs her investments are with companies that have policies in place.

MARKET RUNDOWN

DOW 24,140.91 -39.73 10-YR T-BONDS 2.34% -0.1 GOLD \$1,262.80 +1.20



Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	24,140.91	-39.73	+22.15%
DOW Trans.	10,227.81	-1.22	+13.09%
DOW Util.	753.13	+2.51	+14.18%
NYSE Comp.	12,532.44	-34.72	+13.35%
Nasdaq Comp.	6,776.38	+14.17	+25.88%
S&P 500	2,629.27	-.30	+17.44%
S&P 400	1,871.10	-8.03	+12.68%
Wilshire 5000	27,267.42	-25.13	+16.40%
Russell 2000	1,508.88	-7.88	+11.18%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	55.96	57.62	+4.17%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.92	2.91	-21.54%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.66	1.72	-.25%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,262.80	1,261.60	+9.81%
Silver (oz)	15.87	15.97	-.43%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange			Money Rates		
	ForEx in U.S.\$	U.S.\$ in ForEx		CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Britain	1.3375	.7477	Prime rate	4.25	4.25
Canada	.7814	1.2798	3-mo. T-Bill	1.29	1.28
China	.1512	6.6150	6-mo. T-Bill	1.46	1.45
Euro	1.1793	.8480	5-yr T-Note	2.12	2.10
Japan	.008907	112.28	10-yr T-Note	2.34	2.39
Mexico	.053016	18.8621	30-yr T-Bond	2.73	2.83

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	12,998.85	-49.69	-.38%	+13.22%
London	7,348.03	+20.53	+.28%	+2.87%
Hong Kong	28,224.80	-618.00	-2.14%	+28.29%
Nikkei	22,177.04	-445.34	-1.97%	+16.02%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
AT&T Inc (T)	36.11	-.44	-15.1	Lydall Inc (LDL)	52.55	-.05	-15.0
Achillion Pharm (ACHN)	2.99	-.02	-27.6	Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)	96.40	+.70	+28.1
Aetna Inc (AET)	178.90	+.16	+44.3	MetLife Inc (MET)	53.00	-.04	+13.4
Alexion Pharma (ALXN)	109.42	+.52	-10.6	Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	18.82	-.13	-2.8
Amphenol Corp (APH)	87.78	-.40	+30.6	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	35.56	-.07	+9.5
Anthem Inc (ANTM)	222.71	-.78	+54.9	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	10.52	+.10	-30.7
Apple Inc (AAPL)	169.01	-.63	+45.9	Praxair Inc (PX)	150.39	-.19	+28.3
Bank of America (BAC)	28.64	-.29	+29.6	Priceline Group Inc (PCLN)	1719.04	-5.84	+17.3
Barnes Group (B)	64.84	+.28	+36.7	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	115.38	-.13	+10.9
Cigna Corp (CI)	204.21	+.09	+53.1	RBC Bearings Inc (ROLL)	127.60	+.07	+37.5
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	38.63	-.89	+11.9	Rogers Corp (ROG)	151.20	-1.05	+96.8
Conn Wtr Svc (CTWS)	59.67	-.14	+.68	SI Financial Group (SIFI)	14.70	-.20	-4.5
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	80.24	-.13	+13.4	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	40.10	-.55	+40.2
Ethan Allen (ETH)	28.95	...	-21.4	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	168.47	+.13	+46.9
Eversource Energy (ES)	65.11	+.23	+17.9	Synchrony Financial (SYF)	37.39	+.08	+3.1
Fst Conn Bncp (FBNK)	26.05	-.10	+15.0	Travelers Cos (TRV)	135.36	+.04	+10.6
Frontier Comm (FTR)	8.78	-.32	-82.7	Utd Fncl Bancorp (UBNK)	18.34	-.14	+1.0
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	1.82	+.06	+.40	Utd Technologies (UTX)	121.20	+.91	+10.6
Gen Dynamics (GD)	200.21	+.30	+16.0	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	219.94	-.15	+37.4
Gen Electric (GE)	17.66	-.10	-44.1	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	119.75	+.35	+1.4
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	54.92	+.28	+15.3	Voya Financial (VOYA)	44.57	-.16	+13.6
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	10.75	+.06	+.21	Webster Financial (WBS)	56.70	-.38	+4.5
Kaman (KAMN)	58.51	-.39	+19.6	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	29.53	+.76	+60.5
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	76.50	+.59	+15.4	Xerox Corp (XRX)	29.64	+.20	+28.9

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2017 STOCK MARKET GAME STANDINGS



Elementary School

Team #	School (Town)
1. ZZ861	Norfeldt (West Hartford)
2. A222	Canton Intermediate (Canton)
3. ZZ1016	Jennings (Fairfield)
4. ZZ925	MacDonough (Middletown)
5. ZZ933	MacDonough (Middletown)
6. ZZ860	Norfeldt (West Hartford)
7. ZZ1030	Hebron (Hebron)
8. ZZ1027	Hebron (Hebron)
9. ZZ1643	Mill Hill (Southport)
10. ZZ1100	Southington Catholic (Southington)

Middle School

Team #	School (Town)
1. ZZ1381	Fair Haven (New Haven)
2. ZZ1370	Fair Haven (New Haven)
3. ZZ1281	Madison (Trumbull)
4. ZZ1351	North Branford (North Branford)
5. ZZ1378	Fair Haven (New Haven)
6. ZZ1636	Andover (Andover)
7. ZZ979	Timothy Edwards (South Windsor)
8. ZZ1369	Fair Haven (New Haven)
9. ZZ1087	North Branford (North Branford)
10. ZZ1368	Fair Haven (New Haven)

High School

Team #	School (Town)
1. ZZ309	Lewis S. Mills (Burlington)
2. ZZ72	Wolcott (Wolcott)
3. ZZ468	Tolland (Tolland)
4. ZZ672	Newington (Newington)
5. ZZ1199	Brien McMahon (Norwalk)
6. ZZ497	Tolland (Tolland)
7. A226	Greenwich (Greenwich)
8. ZZ1193	Brien McMahon (Norwalk)
9. ZZ1404	Enfield (Enfield)
10. ZZ184	Cheshire (Cheshire)



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Our mission is to provide an effective response to the youth, family and adult social and behavioral health needs in our community. Our vision is "creating healthy communities."

Goals

Every dollar contributed is invested into community-based behavioral health and social services. This includes our new Windham Regional Health and Wellness Center, currently under construction, to provide expanded and consolidated services to adults, children and families in a region where mental health is the #1 health need.

Areas We Serve

United Services' primary service area is 21 towns in eastern Connecticut, serving all of Windham County and bordering portions of New London and Tolland counties.

- **The only Domestic Violence Shelters** and Support Services in Windham County
- **Autism Evaluations and Therapy** for children, youth and adults
- **Adult, Child & Family Behavioral Health** Treatment and Support
- **Family Support Programs** including the Parenting Solutions Program, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Reunification and Therapeutic Family Time
- **Youth Services, Community Education** and many more programs open to all in the community

Fundraising Events

Irish Night, silent auction and Corned Beef Dinner, March 16, 2018. The annual event features Irish fare, folk music and a silent auction and raffle. The event supports United Services Children and Family Programs, including the Child Guidance

Clinic, Domestic Violence Program, Center for Autism, Parenting Education, Support Groups, Youth Services Bureau and Juvenile Review Board, and Crisis Intervention.

Particle Accelerator, the free music festival in downtown Putnam, June 9, 2018. This free, family-friendly music and art festival is held in memory of local musician Jack Young, Jr. and to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention and local mental health programs. The event features a lively and diverse line-up of popular local and regional bands and performers. Along with the music, check out art displays and enjoy children's activities and booths from local nonprofit community organizations. Particle Accelerator is organized by the family and friends of Jack Young, Jr., with proceeds supporting mental health programs at United Services.

Sunflowers for Kids, A free family event with pick-your-own flowers at Lapsley Orchard, Pomfret, Sept. 2, 2018. Come to Lapsley Orchard in Pomfret to enjoy the orchard's end-of-summer bounty of sunflowers and wildflowers, which are harvested and sold in bunches, or available to pick your own, with 100% of proceeds donated to United Services Children and Family Programs, including the Child Guidance Clinic, Domestic Violence Program, Center for Autism, Parenting Education, Support Groups, Youth Service Bureau and Juvenile Review Board, and Crisis Intervention. Along with the flowers, enjoy free hay rides and balloon animals and face painting for the kids, along with the orchard's usual assortment of "pick-your-own" activities, like apple picking.

Donations

Mental Health is now recognized as the **#1 Health Issue in Eastern Connecticut**, and even as the state cuts critical non-profit funding, United Services' numbers have continued to rise, with our outpatient behavioral health caseload alone now **253%** the volume it was in 2007.

Last year alone, thanks to donations from community members like you, United Services helped to protect, heal, and care for more than 5,000 vulnerable children and adults throughout Northeast Connecticut. We are making an impact, but there are still more struggling.

Your gift is critical because it offers immediate relief for struggling kids and families. In addition to the direct support you provide now, there is also an immeasurable lifelong impact, helping your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers – perhaps even yourself - find hope for a bright future, strength to overcome challenges, and the opportunity to find happiness in life.





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EDITORIALS

Duckett Earned 3 Years In Prison

James C. Duckett Jr. now has something he truly earned: Three years in prison.

The story of Mr. Duckett's fraudulent bid to renovate Hartford's dilapidated Dillon Stadium ended Wednesday with his sentencing in federal court, although the tale will endure as a shameful part of Hartford lore.

It began nearly three years ago, when Mr. Duckett got involved in an effort to bring professional soccer to Hartford. Mr. Duckett claimed he was a former NFL player. He said he had access to millions of dollars. He promised the moon.

Hartford officials bought it and were soon writing checks that they thought the company created for the project, Premier Sports Management Group, would cover. That blunder cost the city \$1 million and cost its development director his job.

Prosecutors said Mr. Duckett used the money to buy a Range Rover and other luxury items.

It didn't have to happen this way. A little due diligence by city officials at the time could have revealed that Mr. Duckett had a conviction for embezzlement, that he was the subject of a number of lawsuits, and that his NFL claims were bunk. But city officials, at the time under the leadership of former Mayor Pedro Segarra, was so hungry for a victory that it became recklessly gullible. They let themselves be duped.

Mr. Duckett's conviction and sentencing — which could have put him behind bars for as much as five years — doesn't completely close the books on the deal. The city is still out a substantial amount of cash, and it's an open question if it will ever be able to recover everything it lost from Mr. Duckett and Mitchell Anderson, his partner at the time, who pleaded guilty earlier this year and awaits sentencing.

But in the meantime, what is to become of Dillon Stadium? Three developers have expressed interest, and the Capital Region Development Authority last week came out in favor of a plan that would require a \$10.7 million public subsidy.

More public money? For another stadium?

Bruce Mandell, the developer who pitched the idea that garnered CRDA's support, told The Courant: "We're going to have to be very open and clear with the city and with the people to make sure that we earn their trust ... Coming out of the last episode, everybody's going to be very skeptical."

To say the least.

There's no doubt that Dillon Stadium could be an asset, as it occupies a key bit of real estate between I-91 and the growing Coltsville area. At the moment, the stadium is consumed by weeds, and if it's going to become a legitimate attraction, it will need a lot of love — and a lot of money.

But that doesn't necessarily mean public money. Be careful, city leaders. Do your homework this time.

Welcome, Stanley Black & Decker

News that Stanley Black & Decker Inc. is opening an office on Hartford's Constitution Plaza is worth cheering.

The New Britain-based manufacturer said it will employ 50 people at its new advanced training and research center, beginning next spring or summer.

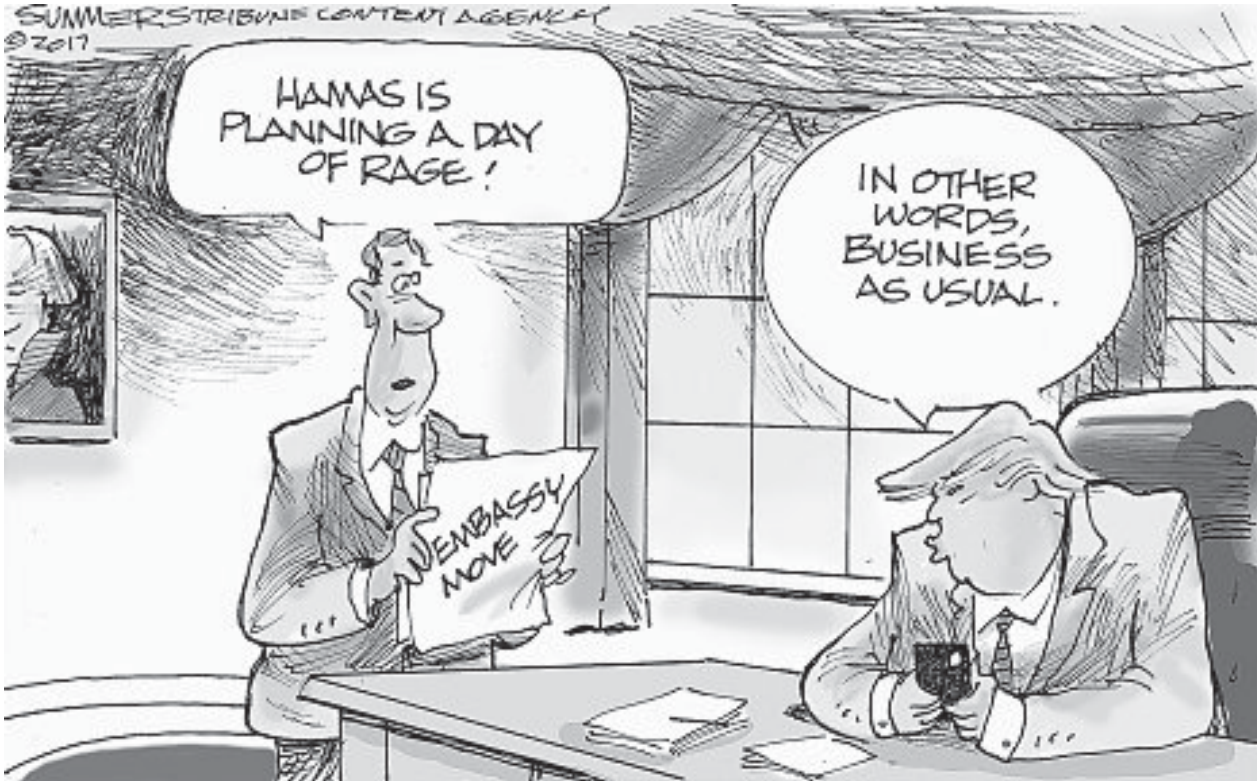
This won't be a gritty operation that turns out hundreds of hammers. The company calls it an "Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence" that will apply data and digital technology to industrial systems, including security and heating and cooling. It will train experts there who will apply what they learned to their own designs.

The company's presence on Constitution Plaza is a win for the city, but its tech-based aspirations represent the application of a new approach to traditional manufacturing, and it's good that Stanley Black & Decker continues to pivot to the future.

CEO Jim Loree said Stanley Black & Decker decided to set up shop on Constitution Plaza in part to help Hartford.

"We have expressed our commitment from a social responsibility perspective to being part of the solution," he said.

That's good corporate citizenship. Well done, Stanley Black & Decker.



LETTERS

‘A Date Which Will Live In Infamy’

The attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 — 76 years ago today — occurred eight years before I was born.

However, I visited the Pearl Harbor memorial in 1980 as an active-duty service member with the Connecticut National Guard and later, in 1997, with my children.

On both occasions, we took a Navy launch from the visitors center to the actual memorial. It is a white marble edifice that straddles, but does not touch, the battleship Arizona. The Arizona itself rests mostly below the surface of the shallow water at Pearl Harbor. The open-air memorial lists the names of the fallen from the Arizona. Off the starboard side of the memorial, oil still bubbles up to the surface from the fallen ship. The bubbling oil is an eternal reminder of the 3,000 sailors, marines, soldiers and airmen who died on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor and other American bases on Oahu.

Lest we forget, remember the fallen.

Joseph P. Nolan, Waterbury

The writer is a Gold Star father and a Vietnam veteran.

Plenty Of Blame For 2008

Regarding the Nov. 25 letter "GOP Tax Cuts Didn't Cause 2008 Meltdown," the writer leaves out some very pertinent facts concerning the "repeal" of the Glass-Steagall Act.

First, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act did not repeal the entire Glass-Steagall Act, it only removed the part that separated investment banks from commercial banks and insurance companies.

Second, the writer fails to mention

that the three sponsors of the repeal legislation, Sen. Phil Gramm, Rep. Jim Leach and Rep. Thomas Bliley, were all Republicans.

Third, the legislation was overwhelmingly approved — 362-57 in the House and 90-8 in the Senate. Regardless of whether President Clinton signed the bill, it was destined to become law.

The 2008 financial meltdown was a bipartisan effort.

David Smigel, Manchester

Left In The Dust

The tax reform being offered by Congress is intended to ultimately sweeten the pockets of the politicians.

First, the tax cut for big business bumps up the profits of these corporations, who then reward their leaders with huge bonuses for their brilliant management skills. In turn, the industrialists raise their contributions to the politicians for their skillful manipulation of public policy.

Sorry, middle-income people — you are left in the dust.

Dudley Bickford, Essex

Time To Pay Attention To Harassment

The opportunity now presents itself for people to deal with a new awareness of sexual harassment of women and girls. Now is the time for all responsible men and women to end tolerance of this damaging behavior by men.

Let your voice be heard. Let our democracy protect women and girls from sexual predators. Let the evil be identified and guilty individuals be

cast away.

Sandy MacGregor, Glastonbury

Inmate Relinquished His Rights

Convicted killer Daniel Webb may have the right to file a lawsuit over cruel and unusual punishment after removal of photos of females, but he has relinquished all other rights [Nov. 21, [courant.com](#), "7 Years Later, Lawsuit By Ex-Death Row Inmate Continues"].

He was sentenced to death for the cruel murder of Diane Gellenbeck. He showed no mercy and deserved his sentence. Taxpayers continue to provide food and health care as well as an attorney to pursue his lawsuit. He is a prisoner for the most serious offense, and he is decorating a prison cell. If no prison rules apply to the photos, they should.

Diane Gellenbeck had no option but to try to save her life. Webb obliterated her rights, yet we continue to support his needs and his rights.

Karen J. Ostby, Meriden

End UConn Football

It is time for the University of Connecticut to pull the plug on the football program.

Every spring, there are plans and promises about what must be done, and every fall, nothing but excuses. UConn is not getting its money's worth. All the money spent on the football program could go to other sports that are doing well and could do much better with a little extra money.

Bob Borden, East Haddam

Tell Us Your Holiday Wish

If you could have one wish come true this holiday season, what would it be? The Courant will publish a selection of wishes from readers, old and young, on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Email your wish to opinion@courant.com. (Please make it brief.) Or fax your wish to 860-520-6941. Or send your wish to Opinion Page, The Courant, 285 Broad St., Hartford, CT 06115. Wishes should include a day and evening phone number and a home address for verification. Children should include their ages. The deadline for receipt of all wishes is Dec. 20.

OP-ED

Moody's Puts Price On Climate Change



ROBERT THORSON

When I began teaching at UConn in 1984, I started a file of state newspaper clippings for my geoscience courses. One of the first things I learned was that more than 6,000 acres of wetland on the Connecticut shore was converted to dry land prior to the 1970s by ditching, draining and dumping within tidal wetlands. This allowed land-hungry communities to spread out over what was then being called artificial fill.

At the time, I wondered naively why any government would permit such land use practices during a geological epoch of melting ice sheets and rising sea level. Today, any governing entity for coastal property knows that the pace of sea level

rise has accelerated, and that an epoch of stronger subtropical storms is upon us.

Within the last decade, the owners of Connecticut coastal properties have been kicked in the shins by rising insurance premiums. Now, the state and municipal governments with jurisdiction over those lands are being kicked by Moody's Investors Service. This credit rating agency, arguably our nation's most respected, has put coastal states and municipalities on notice that Moody's credit ratings for state and municipal bonds will hereafter be tied to coastal preparedness.

The fiscally conservative and hazards aware part of me is loving this news because it proclaims an obvious truth that we geologists have taught for a half-century. Easy come, easy go. Lowlands created easily by shallow fill will be the first to go under. We're talking about our national mall in Washington, D.C., much of the Bay Area in San Francisco, the Florida coastal strip, New York, Boston and countless other cities with large areas of low-lying fill within city limits.

To understand this sea change in Moody's tone, simply pause and reflect on what the past hurricane season did to poorly prepared coastal communities. The media frenzy has abated, but the financial shocks keeps growing. The estimated recovery

costs are: \$180 billion for Harvey in Texas; \$95 billion for Maria in Puerto Rico; \$50 billion for Maria in Florida. The total is triple that of historic Hurricane Katrina, once considered the "costliest hurricane in U.S. history."

Though the U.S. is \$20 trillion in debt, each disaster is met by battalions of federal employees who coordinate recovery and help pay the bills. In Houston alone, more than 10,000 people were physically rescued, and nearly 1 million citizens have asked for financial assistance. Any money our federal government pays them will be borrowed from somewhere else. Though the size of our debt staggers belief and is begging the next generation, it's only enough to pay for 61 hurricane seasons like the last one.

Continuing with the example of Houston, the Dec. 1 New York Times published an investigation about building on the city's reclaimed marshes and swamps. In Houston, 6,000 properties were built in zones designated as safe following minor engineering alterations such as building levees and raising the land surface a few inches with imported soil. In one of these so-called safe zones, a sprawling, upscale residential community called the Woodlands was submerged by the floods of hurricane Harvey. This inundation, the

paper said, "underscored the profound vulnerability of a metropolis with an ethos of untrammelled development built, essentially, on a swamp." This quote could also apply to the development-crazed ethos of the Connecticut shoreline prior to the 1970s, after which the state stopped encouraging the filling of floodplains and coastal marshes. Everything built on those lands is now at risk. Easy come, easy go.

This brings us to the concept of the so-called 500-year flood. To statisticians, it's the flood with a 1-in-500 (0.2 percent) chance of occurring in any given year. To geologists, it's pure fiction because it requires that an unknown future behaves in a way similar to the recent past, and that a century's worth of data can be used to extrapolate the next 400 years.

This fiction explains why Houston has experienced three 500-year floods within the last three years. Each is a fairy tale on which federal flood policy has been based. I'm glad the private sector reads non-fiction.

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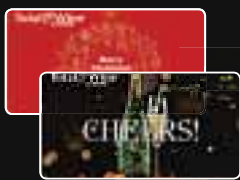
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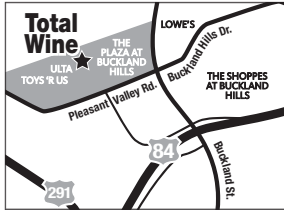
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Families Rally Against Gun Bill In D.C.

Sandy Hook Advocates Fighting Legislation Allowing Concealed-Carry Permit Reciprocity

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Jane Dougherty made a promise to her sister on the day the family buried the Sandy Hook School psychologist, one of six educators slain along with 20 children in the December 2012 mass shooting.

"I told her that I would do whatever it took to make changes," she recalled. "And

every day for the past five years I have figured out some way to keep that promise to my sister."

It was the promise to her sister — Mary Sherlach — that brought Dougherty to a rally at the U.S. Capitol Wednesday to speak out against Republican-backed legislation that would allow gun owners with a state-issued concealed-carry permit to carry a handgun in any state that allows

concealed weapons.

Opponents argue nationwide reciprocity is troublesome because it would allow travelers from states with lax gun laws to carry their firearms in states that have higher bars to obtain a concealed-carry permit.

The bill, which was combined with another that would make some improvements in the background check system for

gun purchases, passed by a 231-198 vote Wednesday afternoon, largely along party lines in the Republican-controlled House. The measure is unlikely to advance in the Senate, where it would require 60 votes.

"This dangerous bill would effectively allow states with the weakest gun laws to supersede the laws of states like Connecticut and California with the strongest gun

GUNS, B6



JAMES C. DUCKETT JR., center, talks with his defense team and supporters outside Superior Court in Bridgeport before being sentenced Wednesday. Prosecutors say Duckett and a partner conspired to steal city money in connection with plans to redevelop Hartford's Dillon Stadium.

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36-MONTH TERM IN CORRUPTION CASE

PRISON FOR DUCKETT

Ex-Dillon Stadium Developer To Appeal, Says He's 'Guilty Of Trusting'

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BRIDGEPORT — James C. Duckett Jr., whose promise to bring professional soccer to Hartford was tainted by financial crimes, was sentenced Wednesday to 36 months in prison for looting hundreds of thousands of dollars in city funds.

The prison term, handed down in Bridgeport federal court, brings to a close a scandal that has spanned more than two years and cast a long shadow over city hall. In the process, two Hartford development

officials lost their jobs, a soccer team disbanded and the future of a once-prominent city landmark was thrown into turmoil.

Duckett, a one-time Somers businessman who built a sports consulting group, and his former partner, Mitchell Anderson, were convicted this year of wire fraud, money laundering and conspiracy charges related to the failed redevelopment of Hartford's Dillon Stadium. Anderson pleaded guilty in February and is awaiting sentencing. Duckett was convicted by a jury in July on 12 of his 13 corruption-related counts.

Prosecutors said the pair conspired to steal city money, first by diverting funds that were supposed to go to subcontractors, and later by submitting invoices for work that was never done. A hearing will be held to decide what restitution Duckett must pay as part of his sentencing. He must report to an undisclosed federal institution on Jan. 31.

"The result of the offense has been a very substantial and painful financial loss to the city of Hartford, which cannot afford that," Judge Stefan R. Underhill said Wednesday. "This stadium project was a

DUCKETT, B6

MURDER CHARGE

Bail Set At \$3M In Girl's Murder

Suspect Admitted To Shooting: Police

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WATERBURY — A judge set bail at \$3 million Wednesday for the 27-year-old man charged with fatally shooting 16-year-old Evalyce Santiago.

Dominique Pittman, of Waterbury, faces charges of murder and criminal possession of a firearm after Santiago was found Monday night with three gunshot wounds in a car that crashed on Thomaston Avenue.

Pittman and Evalyce were dating, police said, but for how long remains under investigation.

Pittman appeared in court Wednesday, where Superior Court Judge Barry Armata set bail.

"The state alleges the defendant committed a vicious murder of a 16-year-old," Waterbury State's Attorney Maureen Platt told the judge.

Pittman "attempted to mislead police, stating a third person was

PITTMAN, B6

BUDGET REPRIEVE

Medicare Cuts For Seniors Delayed

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HARTFORD — Under pressure from state legislators and senior citizens, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's administration announced Wednesday that it was postponing planned cuts in medical benefits.

Senior citizens will receive a temporary reprieve of at least two months for cuts in the Medicare Savings Program that had been planned for Jan. 1. The cut was included in the bipartisan state budget, which lowered the eligibility limits that are based on annual income.

The state Department of Social Services said that the review process will "take at least two months to

MEDICARE, B6

WETHERSFIELD'S CELEBRITY TURKEY

'Kevin' Captured, Relocated



KEVIN, Wethersfield's turkey sensation, was relocated by DEEP to a safe location.

DEEP Acts For Safety Reasons

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WETHERSFIELD — The feathery Wethersfield sensation is gone to a safer place.

Kevin the turkey, who wandered free in town, largely in Old Wethersfield, had police worried about safety, so they

asked the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to get involved. DEEP said Wednesday that Kevin was captured on Wednesday afternoon and set free again in a safe location.

"Kevin travels through a highly populated area and had posed a hazard to himself and others, necessitating his relocation," DEEP spokesman Chris Colibee said.

On Wednesday, Environmental Conservation police

found Kevin in the vicinity of Jordan Lane and the Silas Deane Highway, a very busy intersection, and picked him up.

"Kevin was transported using a National Wild Turkey Federation box to safe location and released on a written promise to continue eating plenty of root, bulbs and leaves," Colibee said.

Kevin, given his name by a

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PEARL HARBOR MEMORIALS

Bristol Legion Post Plans Tribute

Flags To Be At Half-Staff; Q Bridge To Be Red, White And Blue; Manchester Elks Set Luncheon

By **DON STACOM**
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BRISTOL — The American Legion Seicheprey Post 2 on Thursday will honor all who served in World War II, with a special tribute to those who were at Pearl Harbor. At 11 a.m., the American Legion will ring a ship's bell in recognition of the deadly attack 76 years ago that brought the United States into the war.

"We honor all veterans from World War II, but we always do it on Pearl Harbor Day itself," said Neal Supranovich, historian for Post 2.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy also has ordered all U.S. and state of Connecticut flags to be lowered to half-staff on Thursday.

"The battle at Pearl Harbor was one of the darkest days in American history and reminds us of the tremendous sacrifices that our troops and their families make in service to our country," Malloy said. "Over 2,400 people — both military and civilian — lost their lives in the attack on that day in 1941 and

we continue to honor their bravery and heroism.

"This day of remembrance is also an opportunity to thank all those who served our country during World War II, courageously responding to the call of duty. And our prayers continue to be with members of the military who are currently deployed around the world. We hope for their safe and speedy return and thank them for their service."

In Bristol, the American Legion invites all World War II veterans to attend its tribute each year, and 24 made the trip last December. But Supranovich acknowledged that the numbers are dwindling as the generation advances through its 90s.

"We lost eight last year just from my post alone," he said. "We have a lot of World War II veterans in Bristol. In 2007 there were 507 still living here. We don't know the number now, but we're losing them. And some of them who are in nursing homes can't get here unless a family member brings them."

The public is invited to the ceremony at

the post, at 22 Hooker Court.

For many years, Edward Riccio Jr. was at the center of the annual event. He was Bristol's last known Pearl Harbor survivor. Riccio's story of escaping alive that day — and going on to heroics during the war — made him one of Connecticut's most honored Pearl Harbor survivors.

"I was just a guy doing his job like so many others in World War II," he said in 2014 at at the Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open, a golf tournament to benefit veterans causes. "I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time — and was lucky to survive."

Riccio died in 2016 at age 96. Supranovich said the American Legion post wants to keep alive his story for future generations.

Riccio was in the Army Air Corps at Hickam Field in Honolulu on Pearl Harbor Day. He was leaving his barracks as the Japanese bombs fell, and was one of only a few who made it out of the building alive. Nearly 190 airmen and civilians were killed at Hickam and another 303 were wounded, and more than 50 U.S. warplanes were destroyed

or knocked out of service.

Riccio went on to become a gunner with a B-17 bomber crew, and famously landed a crippled bomber after the pilot and co-pilot were both killed. He was seriously injured, but returned to duty to become a pilot, and after the war he served in the Army Reserves for 25 years.

In other observances:

► The Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge in New Haven — informally known as the Q Bridge — will be illuminated in red, white, and blue lights Thursday evening. Beacons will project light upward from the bridge towers from sunset until 1:00 a.m. during those nights. The bridge is named in honor of those who served during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

► The Manchester Elks plan a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the lodge at 30 Bissell St., Manchester. Connecticut's oldest surviving Pearl Harbor veteran, Floyd Welch, will be honored. The Elks also will provide a warm meal, clothing and personal care items to more than 250 veterans.

AVON CHARITY EVENT

Muslim Group Aids Police

Fundraiser Aims To Beef Up Meritorious Service Fund

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AVON — An event scheduled for Saturday by a local Muslim group will raise money for a fund created to help town police officers and recognize them for outstanding work.

The police department's meritorious service fund was created 10 years ago. But, so far, the department has not been able to make any awards because there is not enough money in the fund. Police Chief Mark Rinaldo said that it has \$50,000 and that the intent has been to start using it once there is \$100,000, when it could become self-sustaining through interest from investments and other income.

Members of the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center are hoping to push things along with the Saturday fundraiser at the center, 35 Harris Road, Avon. It will run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"The Avon police department has been a great partner with us," said

Atique Mirza, who is on the center's board of directors and helps oversee the meritorious service fund. "It was a no-brainer for us to decide that this would be a good way to give back to the community."

Rinaldo said an energetic outreach effort by the department that long predates when the center's opening in Avon in 2013 has created a strong relationship with the local Islamic community. That includes having an officer assigned as a liaison with the center.

Mirza said he became familiar with the work police do when he participated in the department's citizen academy.

"I got to know how hard police officers work and that it's not an easy job," Mirza said.

Since then, he has helped organize public forums the department held when it renewed its accreditation with a national law enforcement standards organization. Rinaldo said it was this and other work that prompted him to

ask Mirza if he would join the board that oversees the meritorious service fund a year ago. Mirza took the place of former Town Attorney Robert Hunt, whose came up with the idea for the fund but had to step down because of his advancing age.

Officers below the rank of lieutenant are eligible for awards, which can be made to recognize particularly outstanding work or to help pay for classes that would improve their work as police officers. Awards also can be made to officers who are injured in the line of duty and need help beyond what other benefits may provide. "Fortunately, we have have not had anyone who qualifies for that kind of award," Rinaldo said.

Mirza said all people are welcome at Saturday's event. Speakers will include M. Saud Anwar of South Windsor, who was elected as the state's first Muslim mayor in 2013. Donations will be accepted and the event will conclude with the sunset prayer that is traditional in the Muslim faith, Mirza said.

WHITE OAK CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY IN PLAINVILLE

Town Gets State Help In Project

Grant of \$200,000 To Check The Soil

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PLAINVILLE — A \$200,000 state grant will allow the town to check for soil pollution in a 14-acre downtown parcel on which it has an option to buy. Using the money, awarded Nov. 20 by the state Department of Economic and Community Development, the town will determine the amount of automotive and industrial pollutants in the ground at the former White Oak Construction property next to the town hall complex, Town Manager Robert Lee told the council on Monday.

"The town has an option to acquire

the property in lieu of back taxes, which now are \$660,000," Lee said. The parcel is 1 West Main St.

Soil testing results will let the town decide if it makes sense to get the property, and also give any future purchasers or developers a clearer idea of any environmental cleanup needed before the land could be used.

The option is good through next September and could be extended if necessary, Lee said Tuesday. The testing is necessary to determine if the soil is relatively clean.

The owner of property has a legal responsibility to remediate any pollution. Tests will show what, if any, hazardous materials have seeped into the earth during the decades White Oak kept and worked on its fleet of heavy construction equipment there.

In March, when the town first discussed the option to buy, Lee said

the property "is the key parcel in town center." Mark DeVoe, the town planner and economic development director, called it "a cornerstone parcel."

The site is where White Oak, founded by the Toffolon family, had its office and kept its huge fleet of highway and bridge equipment before the business closed a decade ago. The owners sold off the heavy equipment that once was kept in a 10-bay garage. The parcel was listed this spring for \$1.4 million with a commercial real estate agent but is now off the market.

The town has an "access agreement" from the property owner so the land can be accessed and tested. The state grant will allow the town to do testing without using its own money.

For years, White Oak was one of the biggest bridge and highway construction and repair contractors in the region.

CITY CELEBRATION

Free Winterfest Event Planned At Hartford Stadium

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HARTFORD — The city's minor league baseball team has planned a day of activities at its new stadium downtown tied to Hartford's wider Winterfest celebration.

The Yard Goats are hosting free ballpark tours, along with arts and crafts, face painting, cookie decorating and other programs Saturday at Dunkin' Donuts Park. The event is free and open to the public.

Most of the activities will be held on the main concourse level at the stadium. No tickets are required.

The program is linked to Hartford's Winterfest celebration, which offers free skating in Bushnell Park.

The ice rink opened for the season in November and features special hours on Christmas Day (noon to 4 p.m.) and New Year's Eve (11 a.m. to midnight).

The Yard Goats event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

OPERATION FUEL

Winter Energy Assistance Available

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HARTFORD — Operation Fuel and its statewide network of local fuel banks is accepting applications for its winter assistance program.

The program is open to low-income families, the elderly and disabled residents who are not eligible for government-funded assistance. For the winter assistance program, families and individuals are eligible for a one-time grant of \$500.

Brenda Watson, the agency's acting director, said more than 300,000 families will struggle to keep their homes warm this season.

"Operation Fuel wants to help as many families and individuals as possible so they do not have to make the difficult choice of having to pay for heat or paying for other basic necessities," Watson said.

She also cautioned against using unsafe heating sources, including

ovens and certain types of space heaters.

According to Watson, Operation Fuel provided more than \$3.3 million in energy assistance to more than 7,900 families in the previous fiscal year, with almost half of the clients being either elderly or under the age of 18.

Watson said that the agency received about 20 applications when it opened the program on Friday and that quite a few were within 75 percent of the state's median income guidelines. In Connecticut, that would be a family of four with a gross annual income of \$82,000, she said.

"That surprised us," Watson said. "It shows that working families are struggling with home energy costs."

Anyone seeking energy assistance or information about assistance programs is asked to call 211 to be to their local fuel bank. For information, visit www.operationfuel.org.



CONNECTICUT POLITICS

Murphy Calls For Franken To Resign; Blumenthal Waits

Sen. Chris Murphy joined his Democratic colleagues calling on Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., to resign amid multiple accusations of sexual misconduct, while Sen. Richard Blumenthal said he was holding off on commenting until Franken addresses the issue.

"I've been listening to the courageous women across the nation who have come forward about sexual harassment and assault, as well as my Senate colleagues," Blumenthal said in a written statement Wednesday afternoon. "I understand that Senator Franken will make an announcement tomorrow. I'll comment after he speaks."

The majority of the 48 Democrats in the Senate disagreed and said Franken should leave office immediately. The former entertainer has been accused of unwanted advances by at least a half dozen women, including a former Democratic congressional aide who told Politico in a story published Wednesday that Franken tried to forcibly kiss her after taping his radio show in 2006, three years before he was elected to the Senate.

Late Wednesday morning, Sen. Kristen Gillibrand, D-N.Y., was the first Senate Democrat to call for Franken's resignation. She was followed almost immediately by a handful of Democratic women in the Senate and their male colleagues soon after.

"The increasing number of women coming forward suggests a pattern of repeated harassment and unacceptable behavior that is impossible to ignore," Murphy said in a written statement. "Senator Franken has denied some of these allegations and has the right to continue to seek a process through the Ethics Committee, but I believe the best course of action for him right now is to step down, as I expect he will do tomorrow."

Blumenthal and Murphy have already returned campaign contributions they received from Franken's political action committee after the first sexual misconduct allegation surfaced the week before Thanksgiving.

In a national Quinnipiac Poll released Wednesday, 47 percent of women said they had been touched in an inappropriate sexual manner without their consent.

About half of men and women surveyed (52 percent) said victims coming forward with their stories would help change the nation for the better.

— Russell Blair

HARTFORD

Yard Goats Invite Fans To Goat Yoga At Park

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The goat yoga craze has reached Hartford.

Dunkin' Donuts Park will be home to a goat yoga event in January, the Hartford Yard Goats announced this week. The first session is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Jan. 20. Tickets are \$40 per person over age 8 and yes, the team promised, "there will be baby goats in the house."

About 10 to 15 goats will be provided by Aussakita Acres Farm in Manchester, with yoga instruction by YogaPark of Manchester. The class, during which goats are free to roam, jump on participants and lay on their mats, will take place indoors. Mats are not provided.

BRIDGEPORT SUPERIOR COURT

Navin Seeks Trial In Parents’ Killings

Faces Mandatory Life Sentence If Found Guilty By Jury After Rejecting Plea Deal

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Kyle Navin, the Easton man charged with killing his parents after they threatened to cut him out of their will, rejected a plea deal of 60 years in prison Wednesday and will instead go to trial in February.

Navin told Judge Robert Devlin in Superior Court in Bridgeport that his attorney, Eugene Riccio, “had made everything clear” regarding the plea deal and that he was rejecting it.

Navin was offered 60 years with the chance to argue for less if he pleaded guilty to the 2015 murders of his parents, Jeffrey and Jeanette Navin.

Devlin said he was going to put the case on the trial list for February. If Navin, 28, is convicted by a jury he faces a mandatory life sentence.

“We were not able to reach an acceptable agreement, so we will go to trial,” Riccio said outside the courtroom.

The Easton couple went missing on Aug. 4, 2015, and their bodies were found in late October 2015 in woods behind an empty house in Weston owned by a friend of Kyle Navin.

The Navins were reported missing by a family member who became concerned when Jeffrey Navin failed to show up for his trash pickup two days in a row. The Navins owned J&J Refuse in Westport and Kyle Navin worked for them.

Police almost immediately focused on Kyle Navin, interviewing him at least three times.

Investigators uncovered text messages between Kyle Navin and his girlfriend, Jennifer Valiante, going back several months discussing Kyle’s problems with his parents, particularly his father, and his plan to “eliminate” them and get their money, according to arrest affidavits.

At one point, the records indicate, Kyle Navin texted her about his perfect plan to “wipe out the virus and get the money for

life.”

Valiante 33, a medical receptionist, pleaded guilty last month to hindering prosecution. She agreed to eight years in prison, two of which she has already served, and is scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 26, although that will likely be delayed until after her boyfriend’s trial.

Valiante admitted to purchasing cleaning supplies and contractor bags the night before the Navins disappeared. The supplies were similar to those used to wrap the Navins’ bodies, police said. Valiante also admitted to forging Jeanette Navin’s signature on a check made out to Kyle Navin the day after the couple disappeared.

Valiante hasn’t agreed to testify against her boyfriend as part of her plea deal.

The Navins’ bodies were found on Oct. 29 by a man who had gone to his home to clear brush in the backyard.

Jeanette Navin had been shot once in the chest and was wrapped in a blue tarp using silver duct tape. Jeffrey Navin also had been

shot and was dumped in large contractor bags, his legs wrapped with painters tape.

Arrest warrants indicate that police believe Jeanette Navin was shot while she was sitting in a pickup truck later found at a rest stop in Westport.

The warrant does not indicate where Jeffrey Navin was killed but reveals that the last known location for his cellphone was in Bridgeport, about a mile or so from Kyle Navin’s home.

Jeanette Navin had told a friend that she and her husband planned to sell their trash-hauling business and cut their son out of their will, according to police.

Jeanette Navin was upset about her son’s behavior and drug use and his failure to pay the mortgage and taxes on the home they bought him, according to the documents.

The month before his parents disappeared, Kyle Navin texted Valiante saying he had the “perfect plan” that would “solve every single problem and give us a wealthy amazing life,” the warrant said.

GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE

Candidates Offer Fiscal Solutions

Republican Hopefuls Paint Bleak Picture Of State’s Finances

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WINDSOR — Seven Republican gubernatorial hopefuls took the stage at the Windsor High School auditorium Wednesday night and painted a bleak picture of Connecticut — where taxes are too high, state government spends too much and businesses, millionaires and young college graduates are leaving.

And many of their solutions sounded familiar to the hundreds of Republicans who came to the first of five planned gubernatorial debates organized by the state Republican Party: slash regulations, shrink the size of state agencies and reform the state’s costly pension system.

“The first thing we need to do is we need to keep businesses and high-income individuals from moving out of the state,” said David Walker of Bridgeport, who served as head of the federal Government Accountability Office under Republican and Democratic presidents. “We have to eliminate the estate tax and the gift tax,” as well as a 20 percent surcharge on corporations, he said.

Steve Obsitnik, a Westport tech entrepreneur, said the state employee payroll should be scaled back by 20 percent.

“Our jobs project for 30 years has been growing government and it doesn’t work,” he said.

Tim Herbst, who recently completed his fourth term as Trumbull first selectman, said he would seek to aggressively roll back regulations.

“The regulatory environment in this state hampers the ability to reduce spending,” he said. “So when we talk about reducing spending we have to reduce the regulatory environment in our state.”

Many of the candidates placed the blame



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GUBERNATORIAL hopeful Tim Herbst speaks during a debate between GOP candidates running for governor at Windsor Public High School Wednesday night.

for the state’s fiscal woes on “career politicians,” leading to rebuttals from the two sitting state legislators who participated in the debate, Rep. Prasad Srinivasan of Glastonbury and Sen. Toni Boucher of Wilton.

Boucher, who was caught in traffic and arrived midway through the two-hour, wide-ranging debate, responded that the state’s legislature is part-time and she has vast experience in the private sector. She touted herself as the Republican Party’s best chance to win unaffiliated and Democratic voters in next year’s contest to succeed Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, who is not seeking a third term.

Peter Lumaj, an attorney from Fairfield who has positioned himself to the far-right of the Republican field, sparred with Srinivasan over his votes as a state legislator, including in 2013 when he supported sweeping gun control legislation that was passed after the Sandy Hook School shooting.

“The Second Amendment is a natural

right, it is a God-given right,” said Lumaj. “The founding fathers understood what it means to defend yourself.”

Srinivasan, a physician, said he supported the legislation because it boosted funding for mental health.

Among the candidates who called for major changes to state employee retirement plans was Mike Handler, a New Canaan resident who is the chief financial officer in Stamford. Handler said he supported legislation to remove state employee benefits, including pensions and health care, from collective bargaining.

Support for two potential revenue generators for the state — legalizing and taxing marijuana or allowing commercial casinos — was mixed, with most candidates against marijuana and divided on casino gambling. MGM Resorts International recently announced plans for a \$675 million casino and entertainment complex in Bridgeport.

“I am not in favor of any casino expansion that compromises existing casino jobs in other parts of the state,” Herbst said. “And I

do not think we can have a conversation about a casino in Bridgeport unless it includes a conversation about traffic congestion in southwest Connecticut.”

Walker said casino revenue would not solve the state’s fiscal problems, “but we need more jobs in Bridgeport. If you’re going to have a casino in Connecticut it makes a lot more sense in Bridgeport,” with access to Metro-North and the ferry to Long Island, he said.

At one point in the debate, Lumaj pointed out the diversity of the candidates who participated. He came to the U.S. as a refugee from Albania, Srinivasan immigrated from India and Boucher came from Italy as a young girl.

“Looks like tonight everybody ... is either a refugee or immigrant,” he said. “And this is the Republican Party, which is great because we’re always accused of not being inclusive enough.”

The debate was moderated by Courant staff writer Christopher Keating and Fox 61 anchor and reporter Jenn Bernstein.

CASE OF SLAIN GRANDFATHER’S ESTATE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Carman’s Lawyer Asks Court To Toss Aunts’ Petition

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Attorneys for Nathan Carman are asking a New Hampshire probate judge to throw out a petition filed by his aunts seeking to have him declared the murderer of his grandfather, arguing that the dead man wasn’t a legal resident of the state.

In a 12-page response to the petition, Carman, through attorney Hubert Santos, denied any involvement in the murder of his grandfather John Chakalos. He also denied the other main allegation in his aunts’ petition — that he deliberately sank the boat he and his mother were on last September while fishing in Block Canyon. Linda Carman has never been found and is presumed dead. Nathan Carman was rescued at sea.

The response argues that New Hampshire is the wrong venue for

the legal proceeding because Chakalos wasn’t a legal resident of the state even though he owns property there and both his probate estate and his wife Rita’s probate estate were filed in New Hampshire.

John Chakalos was killed in his Windsor home in December 2013, shot three times in his bed. Police have acknowledged that Carman is a suspect in that case, but no one has been charged.

Linda Carman’s three sisters — Valerie Santilli, Elaine Chakalos and Charlene Gallagher — filed the petition in an effort to have him barred from receiving any of Chakalos’ \$40 million estate.

Nathan Carman already has access to a \$400,000 joint account that was once owned by him, Chakalos and Linda Carman, according to the petition. Nathan Carman is now the sole owner of that account because his mother gifted to him her half before she

disappeared, according to the new court filing.

He also could be entitled to his mother’s dynasty trust — Linda Carman’s portion of John Chakalos’ final estate, which is pending in New Hampshire probate court. The petition does not place a value on that trust other than to say “several million dollars” will flow into it. The petition alleges that Carman committed the “heinous act” of shooting and killing Chakalos in his Windsor home out of “malice and greed” and states “the petitioners believe that Nathan murdered their father, and they ask this court to so find.”

A lawyer for Nathan Carman’s aunts say New Hampshire is the appropriate venue for the lawsuit.

“John Chakalos was a long time resident of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and a well-known, active member of the community,” said Dan Small, Holland & Knight LLP in a written statement. “He

loved the home that he and his wife Rita had built and which they shared with the surrounding community every Christmas. John Chakalos gave generously and consistently for many decades to the local library and police and fire departments, as well as charities that cared for New Hampshire families in need. ... The groundless claims and denials contained in Nathan Carman’s response filing do not reflect reality, and we are confident the legal process will recognize this.”

Nathan Carman has denied having anything to do with his grandfather’s slaying and continued to do so in the latest legal filing for this case.

In response to the petition, he denied he has failed to account for his time between midnight and 8 a.m. on the night his grandfather was killed. He admitted that he refused to take a polygraph test about his grandfather’s death but

also says he agreed to be interviewed by police.

Carman denies several other allegations in the court filing, including that he and his grandfather argued about money prior to the murder. The court filing doesn’t deny that Carman purchased a Sig Sauer rifle that uses the same caliber of bullets used to kill John Chakalos.

The court filing also mentions the sinking of the his boat, the Chicken Pox. Carman admitted he did work on the boat but denied that he caused it to sink. He also denied deploying the life raft that only he ended up on, but admits that “at some point his provisions made it to the life raft.”

The FBI and police from several New England states have been investigating the murder of Chakalos and the disappearance of Linda Carman. They have

POLICE BRIEFS

CONNECTICUT

Suspect Tied To Avon, N.H. Bank Robberies

AVON — The suspect in a bank robbery in Avon on Wednesday is also wanted in connection with one in Nashua, N.H., and is a suspect in other bank robberies, police said.

Both the Avon and Nashua police departments identified the suspect as Zachary Provost, 32, and said he is wanted for similar bank robberies in the Connecticut area. He had not been captured as of Wednesday night.

In Avon, Provost is accused of entering the Key Bank on West Main Street, or Route 44, before noon on Wednesday and passing a note to a teller saying he had a gun and demanding money,

police said.

Police said that they identified Provost as a suspect after an investigation, and that Provost is known to drive a red Dodge Ram pickup truck but is believed to have left the Avon bank in a white, four-door sedan.

Nashua police identified Provost as the suspect in a bank robbery on Monday in their city. They said Provost entered a TD Bank, passed a note to a teller and demanded money, then fled in a red pickup truck, Nashua police said. The truck carried a license plate that did not belong to it, police said.

Nashua police said they obtained a warrant charging him in the robbery.

Both the Avon and Nashua police departments are asking anyone with information on Provost's whereabouts to contact their local police department, the Avon police detective division at 860-409-4230 or Nashua police at 630-594-3500.

— Sandra Gomez-Aceves and Christine Dempsey

Police: Man Posed As Student, Stole Laptops

HARTFORD — A 28-year-old who police say posed as a Trinity College student and stole laptops has been arrested.

SUPERIOR COURT IN DANIELSON

Willimantic Man Pleads Guilty To Having Sex With Dead Woman

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DANIELSON — Dozens of times a day across Connecticut, prosecutors give judges a thumbnail version of a crime as defendants plead guilty.

On Tuesday at Superior Court in Danielson, that routine recitation caused a bit of a stir as Aaron Graser, 39, pleaded guilty to fourth-degree sexual assault and violation of probation.

Graser, the prosecutor told the judge, “had sex with a woman who had expired.”

At the word “expired,” several heads snapped as lawyers and defendants waiting for their cases to be called turned to watch, listen more closely, and eyeball Graser.

For his crimes, Graser was sentenced to a year in prison, but was spared placement on the state's sex offender registry after the judge found “registration is not required for public safety based upon the facts in this case.”

The case began in January, when Willimantic police received a 911 call about an unresponsive woman. Officers arrived and found heroin and needles near the woman and tried without success to revive her. A medical examiner would later tell police the woman was dead before anyone called 911.

The woman was Graser's girlfriend, and a detective began to question him as others examined the scene inside the apartment. A detective spotted ligature marks on the woman's wrists and ankles. And Graser wondered aloud to a detective whether they suspected his arrest months earlier

for choking the woman could be relevant.

So Graser began to talk. He told detectives he found his girlfriend unresponsive and tried to wake her up. She was sitting and hunched over on their bed, and heroin and drug paraphernalia were on her lap.

“Aaron stated that he laid the victim down the bed and he rubbed her sternum,” according to the warrant for his arrest. “Aaron stated he listened to see if the victim was breathing and he heard gurgling. Aaron stated he knew the victim hated having sex with him so he figured that the victim might wake up if he had sex with her.”

Questioned further, Graser admitted to detectives that he tied the woman's ankles and wrists to bed posts “because it was a fetish of his.” After he finished, he untied her, put her pants on and called in his neighbor, a former paramedic who later told police she believed the woman had been dead for a couple of hours.

An autopsy determined that the woman was dead when Graser had sex with her. The ligatures were the key. Had the woman still been alive, there would have been bruises under her skin. No bruises meant no blood was flowing at the time, the medical examiner told police, according to the warrant. As for the gurgling Graser said he heard, that could have been decomposition gases escaping the woman's body, an investigator from the medical examiner's office told police.

The woman's cause of death was determined to be a drug overdose. Toxicology testing revealed high levels of fentanyl, heroin and another synthetic drug.

Graser was initially charged with second-degree sexual assault, but pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of fourth-degree sexual assault of a corpse.

Jason Robert Miller, of no certain address, was taken into custody Monday after fighting with college security workers, police said. He was charged with fourth-degree larceny and assault on a public safety officer.

According to police, patrol officers were dispatched to Trinity at 300 Summit St. after a report that a suspect was fighting with security officers. The

man, who police identified as Miller, was handcuffed.

Miller was recognized as the person wanted in several thefts on campus since October during which the suspect passed himself off as a student and freely roamed the campus in search of laptops. He was twice captured on video leaving a building with stolen laptops, police said.

He is accused of stealing the laptops from the library, Trinity spokeswoman Kathy Andrews said.

On Monday, Trinity security staff members recognized him and chased him down, police said. He tried to fight them off while they struggled to take him into custody. City officers took him to the police department, and he confessed to stealing three laptops,

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police said. Police said they expect more arrests.

— Christine Dempsey

3 Cars, School Bus Crash In Simsbury

SIMSBURY — Two adults and two elementary school students were taken to hospitals Wednesday after a crash involving four vehicles, including a school bus, Simsbury police said.

All four sustained minor injuries in the crash, which happened about 8 a.m., police said.

Route 185 was closed at its intersection with Cobtail Way, and reopened at 9:50 a.m.

When police arrived, the students said they weren't injured, but one or two later began to experience neck pain and the decision was made to take them the hospital, Capt. Nicholas Boulter said.

One of the cars ended up on its side, and one of the injured adults was cut, Boulter said.

A second school bus was called to pick up the students who did not complain of injuries, he said.

— Christine Dempsey

Man Pleads Guilty To Transporting Snakes

BRIDGEPORT — A former Cheshire resident pleaded guilty in federal court on Wednesday to two counts of illegally transporting protected wildlife — kingsnakes from North Carolina's Outer Banks — the U.S. attorney's office said.

William Carl Bartlett, 65, now of Eastpoint, Fla., admitted to shipping 10 kingsnakes from North Carolina to an individual in Pennsylvania. Before that, Bartlett had collected a male and female kingsnake from North Carolina and bred them in Connecticut, the attorney's office said in a news release.

In North Carolina, the Outer Banks kingsnake is "designated as a species of concern," the release said.

Bartlett, "a snake and reptile collector," admitted that he also transported five Coastal Plain milk snakes from the Chesapeake Forest and the Pocomoke River State Forest in Worcester County, Md., to his home in Cheshire. The snakes were collected in

HARTFORD POLICE

Case At Center Of Controversy Resolved

Arrest Sparked Investigation

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HARTFORD — A city man whose in-custody assault at the hands of a police officer captured headlines for more than a year has resolved the criminal case at the center of the incident.

Emilio Diaz, 40, was granted a pretrial diversionary program on Dec. 1. If he completes the yearlong period of probation, the charges against him — including resisting arrest and felony drug possession — will be dismissed.

Diaz was a passenger in a stolen car that led officers from Hartford, West Hartford and Connecticut State Police on a prolonged chase on June 4, 2016. His arrest after the chase

sparked an excessive force investigation by the chief state's attorney's office after Sean Spell, a now-retired Hartford police sergeant, was filmed kicking him in the head while he was prone and handcuffed.

Spell was convicted of third-degree assault and second-degree breach of peace earlier this year. He told investigators he kicked Diaz because Diaz had been spitting blood from an open wound on his forehead.

Ricardo Perez, the driver of the car Diaz had been riding in, was found guilty of drug possession and reckless driving in May, after the state dropped the more serious charges he was facing, including assault on a police officer.

Perez got one year in jail, suspended, and three years of probation.

Car Hit By Train In Redding; Driver OK

REDDING — A train crashed into a car on the railroad tracks in Redding Tuesday night, and the driver survived, a Metro North spokeswoman said.

The driver was taken to Danbury Hospital to be treated for injuries that are not considered to be life-threatening, said Nancy Gamerman.

None of the 30 passengers on the train were injured, she said. The vehicle wasn't authorized to be on the tracks at the time.

The collision happened about 9:10 p.m. at the Topstone Road crossing, she said. The crossing is near the Ridgefield line.

— Christine Dempsey

College Student Killed By Car In Shelton

SHELTON — A University of Bridgeport student from India was killed by a car Tuesday night, police said Wednesday.

Bethapudi Naga Tulasi Ram, 27, who was living in Waterbury, died in the collision on Bridgeport Avenue about 7:20 p.m., police said.

According to police, the collision involved multiple vehicles. Both drivers stopped and cooperated with officers.

The department's accident reconstruction team is investigating, and no charges had been filed as of Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone who witnessed the crash or has information about it is asked to contact the traffic division at 203-924-1544.

— Sandra Gomez-Aceves and Christine Dempsey

violation of Maryland law, the release said. Bartlett faces a maximum term of imprisonment of two years and a fine of up to \$20,000 when he is sentenced in February, the release said.

— Sandra Gomez-Aceves

Road to pick up the passengers, who were not injured.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, or MTA police are investigating the woman's death, Gamerman said.

— Christine Dempsey

Woman Killed By Train In Beacon Falls

BEACON FALLS — A woman died when she was struck by a train in Beacon Falls Wednesday morning, a Metro-North spokeswoman said.

The woman was on the tracks north of the Beacon Falls station about 9 a.m., according to Nancy Gamerman. About 35 riders were on the train, the 8:02 a.m. train from Bridgeport.

A bus was dispatched to Cold Spring

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Facebook tribute group with more than 5,700 members, got near-constant attention from dawn to dusk as he trotted on his drumsticks about Main and Marsh streets in Old Wethersfield, near First Church of

Christ.

In an October interview with The Courant, Michael Gregonis, a wildlife biologist who is the state's wild turkey expert, said, "It's kind of crazy when people name a wild bird. I've never seen anything quite like this."

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ESSEX ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex Zoning Commission will hold the following public hearing on Monday, December 18, 2017 in Conference Room A of the Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT, at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following application:

Application No. 17-14 - The Griswold Inn, LLC. A Petition for a Change to the Zoning Map to get 47 and 51 Main Street, Essex, entirely within the Essex Village District.

A copy of the above application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for public review.

Essex Zoning Commission
Joseph Budrow, CZEO

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Notice is hereby given that the Audit Report of the Town of Killingworth for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as prepared by Michael Accavallo Woodbridge & Cusano, LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Dawn Rees Mooney, CCTC, MCTC
Town Clerk

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 4th day of December, 2017.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edward Joseph Chanko, AKA Edward Chanko, AKA Edward J. Chanko (17-00979)

The Hon. Walter A. Ciebowicz, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated December 4, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan L. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Janet Annesi, 16 Mountain View Drive, Newington, CT 06111

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CROMWELL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Cromwell Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Special Public Hearing and Meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday December 12, 2017 in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following items:

1. Application #17-14: Request for Variances from Section 2.2.B Bulk Requirements of the Zoning Regulations (Rear and Side Yard Setbacks and Building Coverage ratio) to allow for the construction of in ground pool at 6 Evensen Place. Linda M. Samuelson is Applicant and the Owner.

2. Application #17-16: Appeal from ZEO Decision dated October 6, 2017 for 123 Evergreen Road. Lou Gagnon is the Applicant and Anthony Gagnon Et Al is the Owner.

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received. The applications are on file in the office of the Town Planner at 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

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Medicare

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complete, at which time the reduced income limits will go into effect.”

The announcement means that the state legislature will not need to rush into special session before Christmas to block the cuts that were expected to take place on Jan. 1. Some legislators had called for a special session so that the law could be changed before the start of the new year.

With the delay, the changes can be made during the regular session that starts in early February.

But there was a dispute Wednesday over whether the legislature would come into special session before Christmas on another issue — solving the projected \$207 million deficit for the current fiscal year. After a

meeting in the governor’s Capitol office, top legislative leaders emerged and said they had a good discussion on a variety of issues.

“We haven’t talked about special session yet” on the deficit, said House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz of Berlin. “We’re having discussions, but there is no plan for a special session at this time.”

Only minutes later, Malloy came out of his office and told reporters that the legislators had told him that they were coming into special session before Christmas. Reporters and others were stunned because the remarks were the opposite of what the legislators had said minutes earlier.

“I was told in that room that there was a plan to come in before Christmas,” Malloy said.

Just to make sure that he had heard it right, Malloy asked Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, budget director Ben Barnes, and chief of staff Brian Durand in front of reporters if

they had heard the same statements about a special session.

Wyman then stepped up to the microphone and said, “They did say they were coming in before Christmas.”

The Medicare Savings Program cuts would have affected as many as 113,000 seniors and disabled citizens. The program uses Medicaid money to help pay for Medicare Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-pays.

Under the planned cuts, only individuals earning less than \$12,060 annually starting in 2018 would be eligible for the full benefits — meaning subsidies for Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance. In the current year, seniors can earn as much as \$25,447 and still be eligible for full benefits.

No seniors would lose their federal Medicare benefits — meaning that the bills would still be paid if they went to the hospital. Instead, they would have lost the Medicaid subsidies that help pay for the

Medicare Part B premiums and other costs.

Regarding the issues in front of the legislature at the moment, Aresimowicz said, “We all agreed, as leader, that the Medicare Savings Program was the No. 1 issue.”

Lawmakers said that they are still waiting for important numbers over the next six weeks that will give them a clearer picture about the state’s fiscal fortunes. First, they need to see the final tally from the all-important Christmas sales, which will not be available until early January.

In addition, final payments of the state income tax are due by Jan. 15 for many of the state’s richest residents, who make quarterly payments instead of having money withheld from paychecks every two weeks. State statistics show that 67 percent of the money from the estimated payments comes from those earning more than \$1 million per year, which represents less than 1 percent of the population.

Guns

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laws in our nation,” said Po Murray, chair of the Newtown Action Alliance, a grass-roots gun violence prevention group that was founded after the Sandy Hook shooting.

Dougherty, who lives in Colorado, said she and other advocates have lobbied the state legislature there for stronger gun laws.

“This bill would weaken those laws that I have worked too damn hard for,” she said.

Gun rights supporters said opponents of the measure were misguided and overstating the potential for danger.

“It’s a lot like Chicken Little saying the sky is falling,” said Scott Wilson, president of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League.

While Connecticut does not honor pistol permits from any other states, many other states have reciprocity agreements, Wilson said. “This has been commonplace and common practice among many states for many years; where’s the evidence” that reciprocity has led to more gun crimes, he asked.

In a written statement, Gov. Daniel P. Malloy urged rejection of the reciprocity bill.

“The fact that Republicans in the House are considering a bill to loosen interstate gun safety restrictions is equal parts tone-deaf and thick-skulled,” he said. “Our state has strong gun safety laws in place and remains committed to enforcing these statutes in the face of federal overreach.”

But beyond the specific legislation being discussed Wednesday, Dougherty shared another frustration: In the five years since her sister was killed, the House has not held a single vote on any legislation to strengthen the nation’s gun laws.

“It is absolutely shameful,” she said. “It is deplorable and unacceptable that nothing has happened since my sister’s murder.”

Murray said a busload of advocates from Newtown had traveled to Washington to attend the rally, meet with members of Congress and participate in an evening vigil to honor the tens of thousands of victims of gun violence since Sandy Hook.

Besides Dougherty and Murray, attendees from Connecticut at the rally included Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, parents of Lauren Rousseau, a teacher killed at Sandy Hook.

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy said he is “perpetually ... in awe” of the family members who “have found the courage to grieve and advocate” for gun control laws at the same time.

“This movement is getting stronger by the day,” he said. “This is a social movement that ultimately has no choice but to prevail.”



MURDER SUSPECT Dominique Pittman, 27, is arraigned in Superior Court in Waterbury Wednesday. Pittman was charged with murder in the Monday night shooting death of 16-year-old Evalyce Santiago, a Wilby High School student.

Pittman

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responsible for the murder,” she told Armata. Platt called Pittman a flight risk.

A court officer said Pittman works at a warehouse in Waterbury. Public Defender Rose Montesi said he has had the job five years and supports three children.

According to the warrant for Pittman’s arrest, which was released after his arraignment, he admitted to Waterbury detectives that he shot Evalyce. Pittman gave police several versions of what happened, revising each time police pointed out inconsistencies in his story.

At first he claimed he was driving and Evalyce was arguing with another male in the car who he described as her boyfriend. He further claimed that the boyfriend shot Evalyce and that he crashed when her body slumped over into him.

Pittman then admitted there was no third person in the car. Instead, he said he picked up Evalyce and said she began to yell at him about borrowing money from Pittman and having Pittman buy her a

winter coat. He also told police that she had a knife and began to cut items on his key fob, according to the warrant. Pittman told police that Evalyce knew he kept a handgun in the center console of his car for protection and that she took it out while they argued, and that they both struggled for the gun as he continued to drive the warrant says. Pittman said it was during the struggle that he shot Evalyce.

Outside court, friends of Evalyce said they did not think Evalyce had a sexual relationship with Pittman.

Pittman’s friends yelled and swore at reporters and picked a fight with Evalyce’s friends, all the while insisting Pittman was innocent. When asked to explain their statements, they responded by swearing.

Pittman told Waterbury detectives that he had had sex with Evalyce and that she threatened to tell his girlfriend of six years about their sexual relationship.

Waterbury police were alerted to the crash on Thomaston Avenue about 8:30 p.m. Monday. When they arrived, they found a burning Nissan sedan on the lawn of a home there.

Pittman was taken from the car with minor injuries, but Evalyce was in the car with three gunshot wounds — two to the

head and one to the hand, police said.

They discovered the gun, a .357-caliber handgun, inside the car.

Not long after her death, school officials confirmed that Santiago was a student at Wilby High School in Waterbury and had recently transferred from Crosby High School.

Mourners posted comments on Evalyce’s Facebook page Tuesday. Among those was Alexsa Flores’ daughter, who ran to the scene to help. Flores said the two girls did not know each other, but were a grade apart at Wilby High.

The crash, which splintered one telephone pole and cut another in half, cut off power to the mixed industrial and residential neighborhood.

Flores, who lives nearby, described a hectic and grisly crash scene.

“Everybody is running down [the street] yelling, ‘What’s going on?’ ” Flores said. “My 16-year-old [daughter] comes and she runs out to see what it is.”

Her daughter ran out to help and then sped back to grab a hammer in the hopes of smashing the windows on the car, which had caught fire. When she learned the girl in the car had been fatally shot, Flores said: “Who would do that to a 16-year-old?”

Duckett

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symbol of hope for a city that needs a lot of symbols of hope, and a lot of hopes were dashed when the project fell through.”

Duckett said he felt badly that his actions hurt people in Hartford, but that he never intended to steal money.

“All I did was trust the wrong individuals, and being in that situation is a valuable, valuable lesson to learn,” he said. “I’ve learned it. ... I’m guilty of trusting.”

Duckett’s attorney, Richard Brown, said he is planning to file an appeal.

In 2015, Anderson and Duckett persuaded city leaders with their ambitious but ultimately doomed plan to redevelop Dillon Stadium in Colt Park. They envisioned a \$30 million to \$50 million state-of-the-art arena that would impress motorists passing on the highway.

Anderson had won a bid a year earlier to develop the stadium, backed by \$12 million in city funds, into a 15,000-seat venue where a new professional soccer team would play.

Anderson’s contract with the city gave him six months to attract a team. As that deadline approached, he was introduced to Duckett, who claimed to be a former NFL player with the means to become majority owner of the soccer club. The men made plans to merge Anderson’s company, Premier Sports Management Group, with Duckett’s firm, Black Diamond Consulting Group, which he ran out of his rented home in Somers.

In late March 2015, after joining forces with Anderson, Duckett told officials at city hall that he wasn’t interested in Hartford’s \$12 million, and instead planned to privately finance a much larger stadium. He offered to cover construction costs for the arena and pay the city to lease the land.

Hartford leaders were elated.

But city officials, who had been paying Premier Sports for work done by subcontractors, continued to cut checks to Anderson.

In the months that followed, Anderson’s company made numerous wire transfers and wrote several checks to Duckett amounting to half a million dollars. Much of that money had been paid to Anderson by the city of Hartford, and was intended for subcontractors. The project also received \$400,000 from two private investors.

Brown has said the payments to his client were compensation for work, and that Anderson — over his head and under pressure to secure a professional soccer team — continued paying Duckett solely “in the hopes that this guy could clean up his mess” and keep Anderson from losing his contract with the city.

The government painted a different picture, describing Duckett as a slick con artist who deceived those around him to pocket half a million dollars in city funds.

In addition to the hundreds of thousands sent from Premier Sports’ bank accounts to Duckett, more money went to companies Duckett claimed were ready to invest tens of millions of dollars to build the new stadium. Some of that money came from the city and was supposed to be passed on to subcontractors. But the bulk of it came from Hartford’s payment of invoices for work that was never done.

Premier Sports submitted three invoices, totaling \$1 million, from a company called Big Span Structures, which Duckett brought on to build a multimillion-dollar fabric roof for the stadium. The president of Big Span, Rick Laxton, testified at Duckett’s trial that the invoices were to be paid only if Premier hired Big Span for the job, which never happened. And some of the work covered by the invoices wasn’t even related to Dillon.

Anderson, who testified against his former partner at trial, said he told Duckett that he was concerned about the propriety of submitting the invoices to the city, but that Duckett told him to do it anyway.

Prosecutors on Wednesday had sought a higher sentence of 60 months, arguing that the crime was sophisticated.

“Mr. Duckett’s takeaway from all of this is that, ‘I’m guilty of trusting,’” Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Karwan said. “That’s his takeaway from this case. ... There is no self realization as to what’s going on. He didn’t trust the wrong people, people trusted him.”

The scandal came to light after The Courant reported in October 2015 that Duckett had an embezzlement conviction and a string of unpaid legal judgments in multiple states. City leaders declared days later that they had been overbilled by the developers, and federal officials launched a grand jury investigation.

The Courant also reported on financial irregularities that arose during the project.

City officials, who had been considering a 49-year lease with Duckett, abruptly withdrew from the deal. Development Director Thomas Deller resigned amid the controversy, and project manager Stephen Cole lost his job a short time later.

Hartford City FC, the new team that was scheduled to play at the XL Center while Dillon Stadium was being rebuilt, was dropped from the Major Arena Soccer League’s roster after the grand jury convened. The team was resurrected a year later in the National Premier Soccer League, a fourth-tier league. It now plays in New Britain.

After two years of dormancy, city and state leaders recently issued a new call for developers to renovate Dillon Stadium. A state panel announced last week that it would support a Woodbridge businessman for the job. City officials are still hoping to attract professional soccer to Hartford.

CONNECTICUT

15TH HOUSE DISTRICT

Special Election Set For Jan. 9

Democrat Gibson, Petitioner Suggs To Battle For Post Vacated By David Baram

By **STEVEN GOODE**
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BLOOMFIELD — A special election for the vacant 15th House District seat will be held Jan. 9.

The seat was vacated by Democrat David Baram, who resigned after winning election as judge of the 3rd District probate court.

Voters in the district, which includes all of Bloomfield and a portion of Windsor, will have two Democratic candidates to choose from.

Bobby Gibson, a political newcomer and the endorsed candidate, will be opposed by former Bloomfield mayor and former state

treasurer Joseph Suggs, who gathered enough signatures to be placed on the ballot as a petitioning candidate.

Gibson, 50, and a lifelong resident of Bloomfield has been a teacher in town and in Hartford for 23 years. He currently teaches seventh grade science at Carmen Arace Middle School.

“I bring an ability to listen and stand strong for my convictions,” he said of his strengths.

Gibson, who also coached football at Bloomfield High School, said his professional background would serve him well in the legislature and that he would focus on educational issues, especially related to

funding. Caring for the elderly is another area that Gibson plans to concentrate his efforts, as well as growing business in both towns.

As for his lack of political experience, Gibson said it was an asset and not a liability. “I have a clean slate,” he said. “The only people I owe are teachers and students.”

Suggs, 77, said his political experience makes him the best candidate because he has worked on budgets at the local and state level. “I have a strong financial background,” he said. “That’s my strength.”

Suggs said his familiarity with legislators at the Capitol would also help, especially in the upcoming short session that will focus

on budgetary issues.

“They have confidence and faith in me,” said Suggs, who added that he would work for access to quality health care, support small business growth and do more to protect the state’s drinking water supply.

Suggs, a retired laboratory supervisor with Monsanto, said that if elected he would be a full-time state representative with no other obligations or distractions.

As for being a petitioning candidate, Suggs said the August Democratic primary for council, which saw the endorsed slate swept out of office, shows that voters don’t want to be told who to vote for by party bosses. “I’m giving voters a choice,” he said.

HARTFORD

DEFENDING IMMIGRANTS

MARLENI PENA, of Hartford, center, joins other immigrants and allies at a rally outside the Hartford federal courthouse on Wednesday in support of the “Defend Our Immigrant Communities” mobilization in Washington, D.C. The sign she is holding above her head reads, “Trump, don’t separate families.” The rallies demanded that Congress make good on its promises to pass a clean Dream Act and protect Temporary Protected Status beneficiaries before the end of the year. The Hartford rally also supports immigrants across the state targeted for deportation.



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WEST HARTFORD

School Fair Touts STEM

Conard Offers Students Options

By **MIKAELA PORTER**
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WEST HARTFORD — In an effort to make lines and lines of intimidating code less scary, students, teachers and industry leaders hosted a fair at Conard High School to explain the benefits of exploring computer science classes before graduating.

The goal, according to computer science teacher Jackie Corricelli, is for students to see the importance of a computer science education as technology advances. On Wednesday, about 1,600 students walked among posters set up by students. Corricelli said she hopes Conard’s fair can be a model for other schools.

“If we have students talking to other students about ‘What is computer science?’ my hope is that they won’t have fear in signing up for the course, that they’ll see themselves in the course and want to take a course,” Corricelli said. “If they’re taking a high school course, they’re braver than me.”

Among the posters and booths set up in a classroom at the back of the school, students talked about their hands-on learning through tech classes and clubs at Conard — including Conard’s chapter of the Technology Student Association; Girls STEMming Up; and Bits and Bytes, a mentorship partnership with Smith STEM School fourth-graders. About 14 students have taken part in the mentorship program this year.

“The idea is to communicate effectively with kids and getting them into computer science, open the door before it’s any more intimidating,” senior Eleanor Duva said.

Senior Jackson O’Sullivan is part of the school’s astronomy computer science engineering club and helped build an arcade machine. O’Sullivan wants to turn what he learns at Conard and after he graduates into a career as a video game designer.

Corricelli has advocated that graduation requirements should include computer science classes.

Conard alum Jonathan Pinney, Class of 2002, said the course options at the high school have expanded in the past 15 years. He writes code for the company Duck Creek Technologies.

“I wish I had someone to steer me in this direction,” Pinney said. “I went into a different area and wasted a few years. ... I hope someone sees me and says ‘I can do it.’”

Sophomore Emily Kyle is currently enrolled in the AP computer science class and in four months, said she’s learned a lot and is currently writing code. Kyle, senior Jackie Gilmartin and junior Misa Uvalic said they are part of a small group of young women enrolled in the computer science program.

“We have a place in this environment as well,” Uvalic said, noting that computer science companies are mainly male dominated.

“I feel it’s my duty to clear that pathway for young women, and anyone really, to take computer science,” Corricelli said. “It’s the tool of the future.”

GLASTONBURY

State Aid Distributed

Council, Worried About Future Funds, Sends \$1.2M To School Board

By **PETER MARTEKA**
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GLASTONBURY — Concerned about the future of state aid, the town council Tuesday sent \$1.2 million of educational cost-sharing funding to the board of education and set aside \$500,000 for town operations.

The town has received \$14 million in state educational cost sharing — about one-quarter of the yearly expenditure due to the town — so far and a \$281,748 tax stabilization grant from the state. The remaining ECS funding will come in later in the winter and spring. At its meeting last week, the board of education was hoping to receive \$2.5 million of the ECS funding due to the town.

School board Chairwoman Susan Karp said the \$1.2 million will be incorporated in the current 2017-18 budget. The board gave the council a list of what it would fund if the total \$2.5 million was returned, but will now have to prioritize that list with the available

money.

“There are some expenses the board could take a look at that we feel more comfortable waiting on than others,” she said. “In our opinion, they are all important and necessary to complete the school year. But there are some that, with the uncertainty you will continue to face for this fiscal year, we can wait and not make these purchases until later in the year.”

Council Chairman Thomas P. Gullotta said the previous council had “always expressed” that if money were returned to Glastonbury, it “would try and make both the board of education and town as whole as we possibly could in a responsible way.”

“There is a piece of me that wants to help you,” he said to Karp. “There’s no question about that. I recognize your need. There’s no question about that. The issue is, do we make a promise with money we do not have in hand and then find ourselves in an incredibly embarrassing situation a few months down the road? Or, with money in

“I don’t think we make promises to provide the full \$2.5 million, and then we get cut by \$3 million because 50 percent [of ECS funding] comes in April.”

**Council member
Stewart “Chip” Beckett III**

hand, do we allocate that in an equitable way knowing that when this issue becomes a bit clearer, you are high on my list?”

Councilman Stewart “Chip” Beckett III said he is “very uncomfortable” with a \$200 million deficit hanging over the state budget.

“We should only provide money as it comes in,” he said. “I don’t think we make promises to provide the full \$2.5 million, and then we get cut by \$3 million because 50 percent [of ECS funding] comes in April. We would be in a world of hurt.”

AVON

Holiday Toy Drives To Help Families

By **KEN BYRON**
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AVON — Town police and Gifts of Love will collect toys and other presents at two events on Saturday for families struggling financially during the holidays.

Both have made special efforts at this time of year for years, but the events planned for Saturday are new.

The police department will collect new, unwrapped toys from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its headquarters on West Main Street, and offer tours of the police station, including close-up looks at a police cruiser. Donations will be passed out to patients at the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center,

according to police.

Police also took donations at an annual collection at Walmart on West Main Street in November.

“With online sales, fewer people tend to shop at store locations. We thought we would try this out this year,” Lt. Kelly Walsh said in an email.

The other event on Saturday will be at the Walmart from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will help Gifts of Love. Specialty Transportation, which provides bus service for Avon schools and other districts, is doing the collection.

Gifts of Love is a private, nonprofit social service agency based in Avon that provides food, clothing and other assistance to families that are struggling financially. At

this time of year, it also collects toys and gifts to give to those families.

Susan Prybison, Gifts of Love’s executive director, said it plans on helping 450 families this year, which is about 50 more than in 2016 and a record number for the holiday gift program. Gifts for people of all ages will be accepted. The goal is to provide two gifts for each child in a family and one present for each adult, Prybison said.

Prybison said this is the first time Specialty has done a collection like this for Gifts of Love.

“We use them for transportation,” she said. “They came to us and said they would like to do a fundraiser. This is the time of year when people want to be generous.”



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OBITUARIES

BONK, Stanley P.



Stanley P. Bonk of Westerly passed away at The Westerly Hospital on December 3, 2017 at the age of 92, leaving his wife Ginie after 32 years of being together and 20 years of marriage. He was born on August 4, 1925 in Hartford, CT to Frank and Bertha (Malz) Bonk who have predeceased him. He lived in Killingworth and Rocky Hill Connecticut before retiring to Westerly.

Stanley was a Radar Technician in the Navy during WWII and served on an LST during the Korean War. He earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Yale University. He worked for Sikorski Aircraft as an instructor teaching helicopter electronics to the engineers for 25 years. After retiring from Sikorski Aircraft, Stanley worked at Industrial Safety Supply, in the family business along with his brothers.

In addition to his wife Virginia, he leaves his brother, Henry Bonk (wife Mae Bonk, deceased) of West Hartford. Stanley was predeceased by his first wife Phyllis Carroll (Killingworth), brothers and sisters-in-law - Pete and Catherine Bonk of Rocky Hill, CT, John and Bertha Bonk of Windsor, CT, Thaddeus (Ted) Bonk of Nevada and Mildred Bonk (East Hartford, CT). Stanley leaves many nieces and nephews who will miss his love of life, and love of family. He also will be greatly missed by his wife Ginie's family: Julie Dugas and her husband Walter, William Lyman and his wife, Elena, and their children and grandchildren. He had a special relationship with them as a 'stepfather' and as a caring family member.

Calling hours are on Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main Street, Westerly, RI. A funeral service is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. at St. Clare Church, Crandall Avenue, Misquamicut, R.I. Interment will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 11 a.m. in Mt. Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT.

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to St. Clare Church, 4 Saint Clare Way, Westerly, RI 02891. For online condolences, please visit www.buckler-johnston.com.

BARTH, ALMA S.



Alma S. (Sager) Barth, 91, of Farmington, a longtime resident of Plainville passed away Tuesday December 5, 2017 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the wife of the late John "Lefty" Barth.

Alma was born December 4, 1926 in Torrington a daughter of the late Robert and Pauline (Schmidt) Sager and was a graduate of Southington High School. She enjoyed volunteering her time and talents for many years for several organizations, including, the American Red Cross, the Plainville Community Food Pantry and the Plainville Senior Center and had been honored as Plainville's Volunteer of the Year. Alma was a talented sewer and enjoyed making clothes for her family. She also loved entertaining family and friends, baking, and was famous for her apple pies. Alma was a voracious reader, loved gardening and was known for her beautifully kept yard. She was also very handy and innovative and could fix anything, but she will mostly be remembered for being a devoted and selfless mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Alma leaves her daughter, Kate Milton and her husband Rick of Wethersfield, her grandchildren, Kristin Cacciapaglia and her husband Rick, Kelly Gordon, Rick Milton, Jr. and his wife Elisha and Summer Milton, her great grandchildren, Liam Gordon, Abby Gordon, Alex Cacciapaglia, Tishy Cacciapaglia, Bryson Milton and Mia Milton. Alma was predeceased by her daughter Susan (Barth) Jones.

Funeral services in celebration of Alma's life will be held on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will follow in Plainville West Cemetery. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry 54 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062 or if you wish to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Project E.L.F. for a child for Christmas. For additional information or to leave words of sympathy please visit www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com.

ANDERSON, Richard D.
Richard D. Anderson passed away on December 4, 2017. Born September 9, 1928, he was the son of late Emil and Clare (Henkes) Anderson. He was a diligent worker and enjoyed a long sales career in the food industry. Dick was an avid outdoorsman; enjoying hunting, fly fishing, camping, boating, making furniture and introduced his children to skiing. After retirement he and his late wife, Jean, enjoyed their homes in Simsbury, CT, on Indian Lake in Wakefield, RI and on East Grand Lake in Orient, ME. They also enjoyed traveling in their RV to Florida from their home in Orient, ME.

In addition to his wife, he is predeceased by his parents, brother Willard C. Anderson, daughters, Lynn Gaumond, Paige Cleary, and grandson Christian Renna. Survivors include his daughters, Kim Anderson, Beth Renna, Leigh (Mark) Webb, Gwen (Richard) Halverstadt, Dawn (Mark) Silva and son Craig (Deborah) Anderson, son-in-law Gary Gaumond, twenty grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and his brother and sister-in-law Richard and Lois Kaminski.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Please visit Richard's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

MCCANCE, Edward L.
Edward L. McCance, 83, of Simsbury and formerly of Avon for many years, beloved husband of Elaine (Spencer) McCance, passed away Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late Presley and Ruth McCance, he was raised there and received his BS in Aeronautical Engineering from Auburn University in Alabama. He was employed by McDonald Douglas before joining Pratt & Whitney Division of UT where he worked for over 30 years before his retirement. He lived in West Hartford for several years, where he was one of the founders of the West Hartford Soccer League. Active in the league, he coached his son's teams for several years. Besides his wife Elaine, he leaves two sons Thomas H. McCance (Eve) of Cherry Hill, NJ, and Edward L. McCance, Jr. (Carol) of Chattanooga, TN; a brother Presley H. McCance of Williamsburg, VA; and 4 grandchildren Erin Elizabeth, Carly Joy, Jeremy Scott, and Megan Rose McCance. He was predeceased by his first wife Jeanne (Bothwell) McCance and his son William Scott McCance. His family will receive friends Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 12-1 pm followed by a Memorial Service at 1 PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

RUSHLOW, Anita (Lareau)
Anita (Lareau) Rushlow, 74, of Enfield, wife of the late Arlyn R. Rushlow entered into Eternal Rest on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at St. Francis Hospital. Anita was born September 14, 1943, in Hartford, the daughter of the late Raymond and Florence (Besile) Lareau. Anita is survived by two sons, Jack Drennen and his wife, Maureen of Gansevoort, NY and Richard Drennen and his wife, Peggy of South Glenn Falls, NY; two step daughters, Deborah O'Brien and her husband, Maurice of Enfield and Robin Wilkos of Enfield; a brother, Raymond Lareau of Waterbury; five sisters, Arlene Ouellette of Bloomfield, Joyce Hiday and Shirley Perkins both of TN, Collette Breault and Patsy Sprague both of NC; several grandchildren; and several great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family during visiting hours on Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield. A funeral service for Anita will be celebrated at 6 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. For online expressions of sympathy or directions please visit www.leetetestevens.com

OBITUARIES

BAMBINA, Edith A (Candella)



Edith A. Bambina passed away peacefully on Dec. 1, 2017 surrounded by her family. She was born Edith Annie Candella on May 6, 1916 in Jamaica, NY, and grew up near the shore. She met the love of her life, Dominick William Bambina, at the 1939 World's Fair. They married and eventually moved to Malverne, NY where they raised their 4 children and lived over 50 years. Edith loved to sew and was an accomplished seamstress. She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, where she also taught preschool. She lived the last 7 years at White Oaks in Manchester, CT.

Edith is survived by her children Bill Bambina, Alan Bambina and his wife Linda, Steven Bambina and his wife Stephanie, Carol Scheuing and her husband Jeff, and her grandchildren Virginia Bambina, Shelly Bambina and Eric Scheuing and her great-grandchildren Elizabeth, Jackson and Ezra.

A celebration of Edith's life will take place in April at Grace Lutheran Church in Malverne, NY.

MCCANN, JR., Robert D.

Robert David "Bob" McCann Jr., 93, husband to the late Helen (Bartok) McCann, passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 5, 2017 at Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehab in Storrs, CT. Bob was born on June 25, 1924 in Manchester, CT, son to the late Robert David Sr. and Grace (Berry) McCann. Bob served our country in the United States Army during World War II. He and Helen were married in 1953, and lived in Vernon for most of their lives. For many years, Bob was actively involved in the Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and had been a long-time member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Bob's interests included building model airplanes and ships, gardening, and collecting military books. Bob will be fondly remembered by his daughter Janice Hogan and son-in-law Jim of Portland, CT; two adored granddaughters, Lindsay Hogan of Waltham, MA and Kelsey Hogan of Brooklyn, NY; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Along with his wife and parents, Bob was predeceased by his two brothers, Gordon and Richard McCann.

Bob's family would like to thank all of the wonderful caregivers at Mansfield Center, his home for the last four years. They truly made his stay there a happy and comfortable one.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Bob's memory can be made to Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 100 Warren Circle, Storrs CT 06268. Bob's funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury CT 06033. To extend online condolences, or for further information, please visit farleysullivan.com.

SHAH, Rameshbala



Rameshbala Shah, 85, of East Hartford, beloved wife of the late Navinchandra Shah, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 05, 2017. Born in India to the late Govindlal and Pushpaben Parikh, she migrated to the US over 30 years ago. Rameshbala was an avid reader of religious books, loved knitting, and cooking; but, her true passion was caring for her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rameshbala is survived by her sons, Rajesh Shah, Paresh Shah, and Mahesh Shah; her daughters Hemaxi Chokshi and Ila Patel; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 4 PM Thursday, December 7 at the Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, CT. Her family will receive friends prior to the service on Thursday from 3:30 PM to 4 PM. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

FITZGERALD, Edwin L. 'Fitzie'



Edwin "Fitzie" Fitzgerald, 87, of Wethersfield passed away December 3, 2017. He was born in Waterbury, CT on February 4, 1930, son of the late Maurice and Catherine (Kennedy) Fitzgerald. He was predeceased by his brother, Maurice, and his bride of 51 years, Jacklyn (Lostritto) Fitzgerald. Fitzie graduated from Sacred Heart High School and served in the US Navy for two tours during the Korean War, becoming a "Blue Noser" when his ship crossed the Arctic Circle. He attended UConn and upon graduation became a salesman with International Silver in upstate New York. Moving to Wethersfield, he worked for SNET Co. as a Communications Manager, retiring after 26 years in 1988. During his tenure he was responsible for the telecommunications for the GHO among other events. Fitzie was an integral part of the growth of the Hartford Telephone Federal Credit Union serving on its Board of Directors for 24 years, four of which as Chairman. He is a lifetime member of the Telco Pioneers. Never far from a golf course, Fitzie and the "gang of eight" played Goodwin Park nearly every Saturday ending with a visit to the 19th hole at First & Last to compare scores and stories. After retirement, he and Jackye toured the globe to play. They amassed an impressive resume of 240 golf courses, in 40 states and 5 countries.

He leaves behind two daughters; Erin K. Fitzgerald and her partner Gregg Soulette, of South Windsor, CT and Tracey (Michael) Gionta of East Haddam, CT. He will be missed by his three grandchildren, Meghan, Amy and Christopher Gionta.

Friends may call on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 9:00 to 10:15 am at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd., Wethersfield, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Ed's life will follow at 11:00 am in Corpus Christi Church of Christ the King Parish, 601 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield. Burial will be in Village Cemetery, 1 Marsh St. Wethersfield. To extend online condolences, please visit www.farleysullivan.com.

SUSSLER, Robert M.

A democrat in the several senses of the word. Robert ("Bob") Morris Sussler, passed away on December 4, 2017, aged 89. He was the son of Libby Levin Sussler and Dr. David Sussler, M.D. He was born and raised in Norwich, on Rockwell Street, and resided in New London, Connecticut. Born April 19, 1928 in New York City, he was educated in Norwich, attended and graduated from Phillips Andover Academy and Yale College and received his law degree from Northwestern University in 1952.

Bob Sussler throughout his career was an advocate for progressive change and consumer protection. After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War, Bob married Ruth Lyford and begin his career as an attorney, specializing in the areas of public utility and real estate law. He served as an advisor to Governor Chester Bowles, during the Bowles Administration. He represented the City of Hartford during the administration of Nicholas Carbone on behalf of electric consumers in numerous public utility rate regulatory proceedings before the then Connecticut Public Utilities Control Authority. He was instrumental in securing the passage in 1976 of the authorizing legislation creating the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative to allow the municipal electric utilities to respond successfully to sweeping changes in the electric utility industry. He helped establish, in Southeastern Connecticut, the Child Guidance Center, the Thames Science Center and Hospice Care, and the first African-American owned bank established in Connecticut. Following a stroke in 1992, Bob authored the book, "A Brain's Battle Against a Stroke", addressing, through the experience of his own illness and its treatment, the changes in the medical profession from the time of his father. His father was chief of surgery at the Backus Hospital.

Sussler enjoyed travel to Mexico and Costa Rica, and lobstering and a daily routine of swimming in Long Island Sound at the shore in front of his home. Bob is survived by his wife Ruth Lyford Sussler of New London, CT; his brother Frank Sussler of Farmington, CT; his children and their spouses, Philip Sussler and Diana Leyden of Silver Spring, Maryland, Albert and Emi Sussler, of Tokoname, Japan, Phoebe Sussler Pili, of New London, CT and Anna Sussler of Norwich, CT; his grand-children, Cori and Libby Leyden-Sussler, Rui, Reo and Robin-Sussler, Taft and Robert Pili, and great-grandson, Saku.

There will be a private burial on Thursday. The family will sit Shiva at the family home on Thursday evening at 7 PM. A celebration of Bob's life is anticipated for the coming summer.

SPRAGUE, Robert Lee



Robert Lee Sprague, 64, of North Berwick, formerly Avon CT died suddenly on November 30, 2017. He fought a long hard battle with cancer and was cancer free at the time of his death.

"Bob" was born in Hartford CT to Donald Ralph and Mildred (Young) Sprague. He had two brothers, Donald Scott Sprague and Jeffrey Allen Sprague. They had fond memories of being raised at the end of Roaring Brook Rd. in Avon CT.

He graduated from Avon High School in 1971 and attended the University of Maine Orono.

Bob married Nancy Lee and moved to Stamford CT but had a lifelong connection with the state of Maine. In 1996 moved his wife and two sons, Timothy Lee Sprague and Jeffrey Donald Sprague to nine beautiful acres in North Berwick Maine. Bob truly enjoyed his many outdoor projects and always appreciated his property. He loved to hunt and fish, chop wood and take long walks in the woods alone or with others. Bob was a dog lover and raised several Golden Retrievers, training all of them to be his beloved hunting partners.

He had a passion for coaching baseball, beginning when his sons played T-ball, continuing after they graduated. He coached all levels of youth baseball and through this past year, at the Noble High School. He loved working with the kids and hoped he made a positive influence in their lives.

He was predeceased by his father, Donald Sprague and brother Jeffrey Sprague. Bob is survived by his wife of 39 years, Nancy Sprague, his 2 sons Tim and Jeff Sprague, his granddaughter Ryley Elizabeth Sprague, his mother Mildred, brother Scott and wife Deb and 2 nieces, Meaghan and Katie; sisters in laws, Betsy and husband Tom, Virginia and husband Dave, Carolyn and husband Jeff and 7 nieces and nephews Tommy, Kelly, Matt, Dan, Alison, Tracy and Brian.

He will be greatly missed as a Husband, a Father, Grandfather (Peca), Brother, Son, Uncle, Brother-in-law, Cousin and simple a friend to many.

"We love you Bob; keep the light on for us."

A time of visitation will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 1pm to 3pm at the Johnson Funeral Home, 26 Market Street, North Berwick with a service at 3pm. Those who wish may contribute to the charity of their choice. Arrangements are entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home, North Berwick, ME. Condolences may be expressed at: www.JohnsonFuneralHomeME.com

MCKEE, Coach Robert J.



Remembered by his expression, "It's great to be alive", it is with sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, Coach Robert J. McKee, 95, at his home in Farmington, Monday, December 4, 2017. He was the beloved husband of the late Virginia (Chiesa) McKee, both formerly of West Hartford.

Born in Prince Edward Island, Canada on February 14, 1922 he was the son of the late Richard and Blanche (Sozzi) McKee, he moved to Boston with his family at the age of eight. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII and was discharged as a Captain. Coach graduated from Boston University, earning a Master's Degree. In 1948, Coach came to West Hartford to begin his career teaching and coaching at Hall High School. He was appointed the Head Coach for Football from 1951 to 1956 at Hall. In 1957, he moved over to Conard High School as a Physical Education teacher and the Head Football Coach. He remained there until his retirement in 1983. While at Conard, he also coached baseball and started the wrestling program. He was coach of the wrestling team for seven years and the baseball team from 1957-1979. In 1968, he received the Coach of the Year Award and in 1982 he was inducted into the Connecticut Coaches Hall of Fame. The Conard High School Stadium now bears his name. Coach was a long standing member of the Northern CT Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. After retiring he turned his interest into fine arts painting, became a member of the West Hartford Art League. He became totally immersed in his new found passion after football (we know, hard to believe).

He is survived by two daughters and his son-in-law, Deborah McKee Cersosimo and her husband, Robert of West Hartford and Cindy McKee of Newington; his three grandchildren, Matthew Cersosimo and his wife, Megan, his three great-grand children Brady, Caroline and Maggie of West Hartford; Brienne Cersosimo and her fiancé Jason Broesicke of Washington D.C. and Laurie Cersosimo and her wife Makaila of West Hartford; He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Robert N. Chiesa of Cheshire, CT, his niece Kathy Talbot and nephew Peter Chiesa. Deb, Rob and Cindy wish to extend their heartfelt thanks, love and appreciation to his wonderful caregiver, Amino Ali, for his kindness and unending care and compassion he gave their dad, Coach McKee.

Burial will be private and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In Dad's memory, donations may be made to the Northern CT Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame or to McLean Hospice 75 Great Pond Road Simsbury, CT 06070. It was Dad's hope that all who knew him might now take the time to "perform a random act of kindness".

He will be forever missed, never forgotten. We love you Bub, "SO LONG PAL"

The Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

KUTNER, Selma W (Weinstein)

Selma W. Kutner, 89, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. A longtime resident of West Hartford, CT, she moved to Atlanta with her late husband, Saul S. Kutner, to live closer to family. Born Selma Weinstein on December 25, 1927, in Brooklyn, NY, Selma was the first child of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants. She spent her childhood and her early adult years in Brooklyn, where she graduated from Brooklyn College. It was there that she met her husband of 52 years. She lived with Saul and their three daughters in a number of cities across the northeast, including Boston, Providence, and Wilmington, DE, before settling in West Hartford, CT. Selma had a long and fruitful career in education, teaching children across grade levels with a specialization in gifted education and touching the lives of hundreds of students across a career that spanned five decades. She remained active and sociable even after suffering a stroke in 2009, never losing the love of life that stood out to all who knew her. Selma is preceded in death by her husband, Saul Kutner, daughter, Ellen Kutner, and brother, Bernard Weinstein. She is survived by her daughter Charna Hicks and son-in-law Gregory Hicks of Woodstock, GA, daughter Naomi Kutner of Powder Springs, GA, and grandchildren, James and Elizabeth Hicks. Selma's family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the William Berman Jewish Home in Atlanta for their tireless work in caring for Selma since 2009. Her final years would have been neither as comfortable nor as joyous without them. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 8, 2017 in the Chapel of the Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT with Rabbi James Rosen officiating. Interment will follow in the Beth El Temple Cemetery, 51 Jackson St., Avon, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Selma's name to the Jewish Association for Community Living of Hartford, CT, an organization Selma helped found. For further information, directions, or to sign the guestbook for Selma, please visit online at www.weinsteinmortuary.com/funerals.cfm

BELL, Ronald & Richard

A memorial service celebrating the lives of Ronald Bell (11-22-2017) and Richard Bell (11-27-2017) will be held on Saturday, December 9th, 2017 at 10:00 am with a 9:00 am calling hour at Union Baptist Church 1921 Main Street, Hartford, CT. Calling hours will also be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm at Carmon Funeral Home 807 Bloomfield Ave. Windsor, CT

For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

DANIELS, Rupert

Rupert Daniels, 81, of Hartford, departed this life on December 5, 2017. Rupert was born in Raleigh, NC on April 4, 1936. Mr. Daniels was a retired Vocational Instructor for Prince Tech and was also a Master Carpenter. A memorial service celebrating Rupert's life will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 10:00AM at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service, 94 Cranby Street, Bloomfield, CT. To leave a message of comfort for the Daniels family, please visit www.hkhfuneralservices.com

WIMPFHEIMER, Edward R.



Edward Richard Wimpfheimer, lifetime farmer and beloved husband of Nancy Kay Wimpfheimer, passed away on December 4, 2017. He leaves behind five children, Christian Wimpfheimer, Heidi Tippet, Laura LaFlamme, Robert Wimpfheimer and Mary Wimpfheimer, seven granddaughters, one grandson and the land he worked and cherished. Friends may call on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Pilgrim Covenant Church, 605 Salmon Brook Street, Granby from 1 – 3 PM with a funeral service at 3 PM with Military Honors. Montano-Shea Funeral Home, New Hartford has care of the arrangements. Visit an online guestbook at Montano-shea.com.

WOODWARD, Judith F



On April 7th, 1939 Charles E. and Elizabeth O. Woodward welcomed the 1st of their 9 children. Her name - Judith Fanny Woodward. With a deep dimple in her left cheek, off she lived. Graduated in 1957 from Simsbury High School and with a little bit of college under her belt, like all others her age at that time, making money was more important. After 40 years at the Aetna both in Hartford and Middletown, Judith retired. Judith made many friends and mentored many individuals at the Aetna. During her lifetime Judith loved going on cruises, hunting for 4-leaf clovers, attending family gatherings, Hartford Stage productions, browsing Land's end catalogue (they have lost one of their best customers!), collecting every cookbook ever published, walking her dog, and other various activities. The other 8 siblings will forever be grateful for her attentive care to our father in his final years. She lived in East Berlin, Wethersfield, Simsbury, Newington, and Rocky Hill. A move to Bluff, Utah was her final hurrah. This surprised the heck out of all of us. After a diagnosis of lung and brain cancer, Judith succumbed on November 30th. She leaves 4 sisters. Susan Lincoln (thank you Sue for all of your caregiving in Judith's final months) (Bill), Betsy Herrick, Martha (Karen) and Dorothy (Michael). Judith also leaves 4 brothers - Charles A, Bob (Liz), Bill (Ellen) and Stephen. Also - 12 nieces and nephews, 19 great nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Lucy. She also leaves her long time friend of 58 years, Charlotte Hollingsworth. If you choose, please make a contribution to Habitat for Humanity 121 Habitat St America, Ga 31709-3498. Burial will be in Simsbury. Services will be private at discretion of the family.

ZERN, Timothy J.



Timothy John Zern, 58, of Cromwell, passed away at home on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Born in Hartford, he was the son of Mary Jane (Cahill) Zern of Glastonbury and the late George Michael Zern.

Tim lived in Cromwell for thirty years. He was a veteran serving in the United States Navy. He was employed at Quest Diagnostics for thirty-five years. Tim was a member of the American Legion Post # 105 in Cromwell. He liked to fish and most of all enjoyed his family with whom he was very close.

Along with his mother, Tim is survived by his step-son, Jason Hickton of Cromwell; five brothers, Michael Zern of Winston Salem, NC, Christopher Zern of Wethersfield, William Zern of Broadbrook, George Zern of Windsor and Daniel Zern of Hebron; two sisters, Catherine Cyr of South Windsor and Agnes Curry of Hampton; two grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog, Erin.

Besides his father, he was predeceased by a brother, Stephen Zern.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 am at Saint John Church, 5 Saint John Court, Cromwell. Burial will follow in Cromwell Hillside Cemetery West where full military honors will be accorded.

Family and friends may call on Monday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Cromwell Funeral Home, 506 Main Street, Cromwell. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tim's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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OBITUARIES

BARTON, Harold G. 'Buzz'



 Harold "Buzz" George Barton, 89, of South Windsor, CT, loving husband of the late Lorraine (Flanagan) Barton, passed away on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT, son of the late John and Anna (Molitoris) Barton. Harold retired as a Chief Engineer from the United States Merchant Marines, having served during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam era. He was also a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Harold is survived by his two daughters, Carole Flynn of South Windsor, CT, and Cindy Goubleman of Stafford Springs, CT; grandson, R. Bennett Flynn; sister, Evelyn Fogel; and nephew, Darian Irish. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Barton. His funeral will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10 A.M. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 104 West Main St., Stafford Springs, CT (please meet at the church). Burial will follow in West Stafford Cemetery, Stafford, CT. Calling hours are on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 5-7 P.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090. For online condolences or directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

FORLER, George E.



George Elmer Forler, 86, of Granby, beloved husband for 63 years of Vivian "Betty" Elizabeth (Swanson) Forler, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Born in Hartford on June 28, 1931, son of the late Elmer O. and Lydia (Pekrul) Forler, he was raised in West Hartford and was a graduate of William H. Hall High School. After high school, he took courses to become an electrician at A.I. Prince Tech in Hartford and upon graduation he was hired at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford. George followed his desire to work on large commercial projects and later took a position with the IBEW #35 in Wallingford as a union electrical contractor. He loved his work and often told people about how he had helped to build well-known hospitals, schools and other buildings throughout the Hartford area. His fellow union workers became a true brotherhood of lifelong friends that he loyally worked alongside during his 37 year career with the IBEW. He was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church in Simsbury for 53 years and had served on several groups and committees over the years as well as helping to build the current church on Wescott Road in Simsbury. Most of all, George will be remembered as a family man who enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his wife, his six children, and his grandchildren. Besides his wife Vivian, he leaves two sons, Martin R. Forler and his wife Margaret of East Hartland and Scott Forler of Hartford; three daughters, Cynthia Balmer and her husband Robert of Chicago, IL, Sandra Lynn Forler of Granby, and Heidi Forler-Dinsmore and her husband Michael of Norfolk; his daughter-in-law, Linda Forler of North Granby; five grandchildren, Christopher Forler and his wife Jaci of West Hartford, Sarah Schackner and her husband Ryan of East Granby, Amy Forler and her fiancé Christopher Delbon of North Granby, Julie Forler of Rockland, MA, and Taylor Kahlman of West Palm Beach, FL; and a great-granddaughter, Anna Schackner. He was predeceased by a son, Mark S. Forler in 2005; and by an infant sister, Joanne Forler. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m., at the Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7 Wescott Rd., Simsbury. Burial will be private. George's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7 Wescott Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070 or to McLean Development, Attn: Hospice, 75 Great Pond Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

SERRANO-CARABALLO, Mercedes 'Don Pepin'



Mercedes Serrano-Caraballo, 86, of Hartford, known to many as Don Pepin, loving husband of Luz Maldonado, peacefully passed away Tuesday, December 5, 2017 in St. Francis Hospital. Mercedes was born September 23, 1931, and raised in Comerio, Puerto Rico. He was one of sixteen children to the late Angel Gonzalez and Amparo Serrano. Mercedes' greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his daughter Miriam Medina; his five sons, Eddie, José, Wilberto, Edwin and Samuel Caraballo; six brothers; five sisters; twenty-five grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; as well as four great great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Mercedes was predeceased by a daughter, Rosa Caraballo and a son, Victor Caraballo. Friends and relatives may pay their respects to the family Friday, December 8, 2017 from 5-8pm at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd., Wethersfield. A Remembrance service will be celebrated Saturday, December 9th at 10am in the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield. To extend online condolences and/or share a memory, please visit farleysullivan.com.

TANGARONE, Ingrid



Ingrid Tangarone, 85, died of natural causes on December 1, 2017 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Berlin, Germany, she survived WWII as a child. She married John Tangarone, of Connecticut, and they had five children together, Llynda, Ralph, Carol, Bruce, and Steven. Ingrid was a Boy Scout Commissioner for many years and her service to this organization helped to enhance many young lives. She was also an antique dealer, world traveler, and gardener. She loved camping, swimming, and nature, and was the Queen of the Scrabble board. She was predeceased by her husband, and is survived by her sister, Gina, her children, and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Camp Asto Wamah in Columbia, CT via Center Church; 60 Gold St, Hartford, CT, 06103.

Relatives and friends may join the family on Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 12:00-3:00 PM at the Coventry Pietras Funeral Home, 2665 Boston Tpk, Coventry, CT 06238. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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KUCZENSKI, Frances (Kupa)



Frances (Kupa) Kuczenski, 90, longtime resident of Terryville, widow of Chester F. Kuczenski passed away Tuesday December 5, 2017 at home.

Frances was born August 8, 1927 in Forestville, CT, daughter of the late Julian and Eleanora (Folcik) Kupa. Prior to her retirement she was employed by Hamilton Standard of Farmington. She was a parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Church, Terryville and member of the Daughters of Isabella. Frances was an avid swimmer and spent winters in Stuart, FL, where she and her husband Chester met many wonderful friends from Michigan and Nova Scotia.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joel & Susan Kuczenski of Plymouth; her daughters and sons-in-law, Karen & Scott Fournier of Bristol, Dawn & Terry Murray of Felton DE, Leigh & Brad Cahill of Harwinton; her seven grandchildren, Bryan, Leanne, Alicia, Joshua, Jameson, Jonathan and Jordan; her nine great grandchildren, Daemon, Orson, Evan, Elena, Lia, Avery, Evelyn, Ethan and Leo.

The family wishes to give special thanks to her caregiver, Sandra Osafo who treated her with love and compassion for this last year.

Funeral services will be held 11:00AM on Monday December 11th at the Immaculate Conception Church, Terryville. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Relatives and friends may call at the Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main St., Terryville one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

MOORE, Donovan A.



Donovan A. Moore, 68 of Hartford, passed away on December 3, 2017 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Guyana, he was the son of the late Samuel and Mavis (Bailey) Moore. Donovan worked as a registered nurse for New Amsterdam Hospital in Guyana, and then worked at National Insurance Scheme as a visiting nurse. He then worked at Hartford Hospital and VNA as well as First Student. Donovan is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marlyn (Nelson) Moore, his second mother Serena Moore of Hartford, his son Lorenz Moore and his wife Joamel of East Hartford, and his four daughters, Candace Moore, Rozella Fyffe and her husband Harold, Anansa Bingham and her husband Carrie and Fiona Moore, all of Hartford. Donovan also leaves behind his five grandchildren, Jamin, Josiah, Dillan, Sophia and Alexander, his sisters Paula Urdanetta and Angela McCalman, and his brothers Clyde and Patrick Pyle and sister Pamela Doris. He was predeceased by his three brothers Timothy, Isaac, and Samuel Moore and his sister Derry Talbot. The funeral service will begin 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Kingdom Hall, 29 Wadsworth Street, Hartford. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill. Friends may call at Kingdom Hall from 10:00-11:00 AM prior to the service. Please visit www.dillonbaxter.com to share a memory with the family.

RRUMBULLAKU, Agathi



On Monday, December 4th, 2017 Agathi Rrumbullaku, 89, passed away peacefully among family. She was born in the town of Permet, Albania on August 16, 1928. She was a wonderful wife, mother of 4 children, grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 8 (and one to come next year). She is survived by her husband, Lefter Rrumbullaku, just celebrating their 70th year of marriage on November 30, 2017. Agathi also leaves behind their 4 children; Flora Hajati and family, Vasil Rrumbullaku and family, Leonard Rrumbullaku and family, and Vangjeli Pina and family. A celebration of Agathi's life will be held from 5-8 PM on Friday, December 8, at the Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, CT. The funeral service will be held at 10 AM, on Saturday, December 9 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 33 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, 53 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT. Memorial donations can be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Please visit www.dillonbaxter.com to share a memory with the family.

STARON, John S.



John Stanley Staron, 63, passed away at home on December 1, 2017. John was born and raised in Hartford, he attended SS Cyril and Methodius school and Hartford Public High School. John was a CDL driver in the transportation industry, employed by Airborne Express/DHL for the majority of his career. He was an avid antique car enthusiast and enjoyed vacationing. John was a beloved father, brother and grandfather. He is survived by his daughter Kristen and her husband Jeffrey La Cagnina and their two children Ariana and Xander. He is also survived by his son Jonathan Staron and his wife Jessica. John also leaves behind his sister MaryAnne Montano and her husband Peter, his brother Stanley Staron and his wife Carol and his brother Joseph Staron. In Lieu of flowers John would like all memorial contributions to be made out to Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111 or ASPCA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, December 8, 12:00 PM at S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church, 61 Popieluszko Court, Hartford. Friends may call from 9:00-11:30 AM at the Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, prior to the service. Please visit www.dillonbaxter.com to share a memory with the family.

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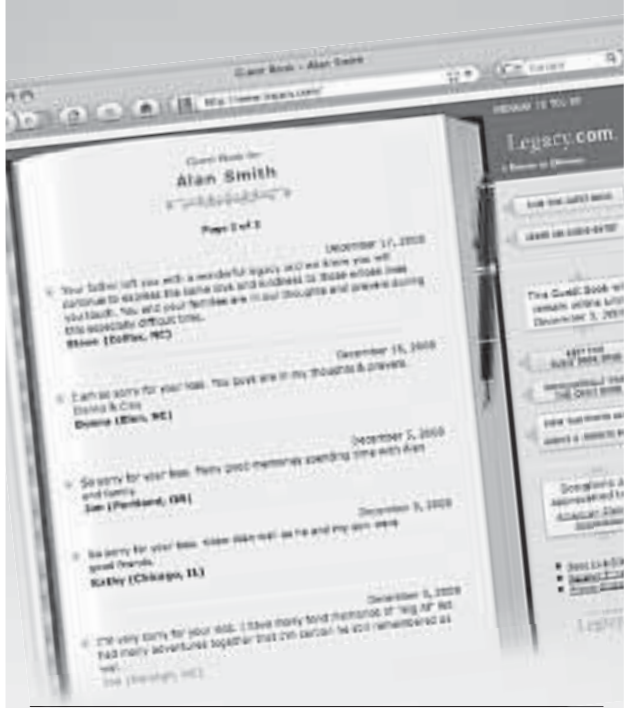
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UConn Women

Samuelson, Williams May Be Set To Return

Team Healthy For Trip To DePaul

By PAUL DOYLE
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STORRS – Three days after completing a stirring comeback without two of its best players, the UConn women’s basketball

team was practicing before its trip to Chicago. And the Huskies were close to having a complete and healthy roster as they ran through a session Wednesday at the team’s practice facility. Gabby Williams was on the court playing, while Katie Lou Samuelson ran through a series of drills. Both players seem ready to return as UConn plays at DePaul Friday night. Williams missed the second half Sunday

against Notre Dame because of a migraine, but she said Wednesday that she’s feeling better. Samuelson turned her ankle in the fourth quarter and was on the bench during UConn’s comeback. She participated in some drills and will do the same Thursday. Her status for the game will be determined during Friday morning’s shootaround. But she is ready to play. “We’re still going day-by-day and figur-

ing things out,” Samuelson said. “But I never want to miss a game. I want to play, but I also don’t want to be dealing with this ankle injury.” Samuelson sprained her left foot in the second quarter of the second game of the season. She missed four games, returning Sunday and scoring 18 points before twisting her left ankle early in the fourth quarter.

UConn, C4

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Seven Years Of Sobriety Give Baker New Outlook On Life

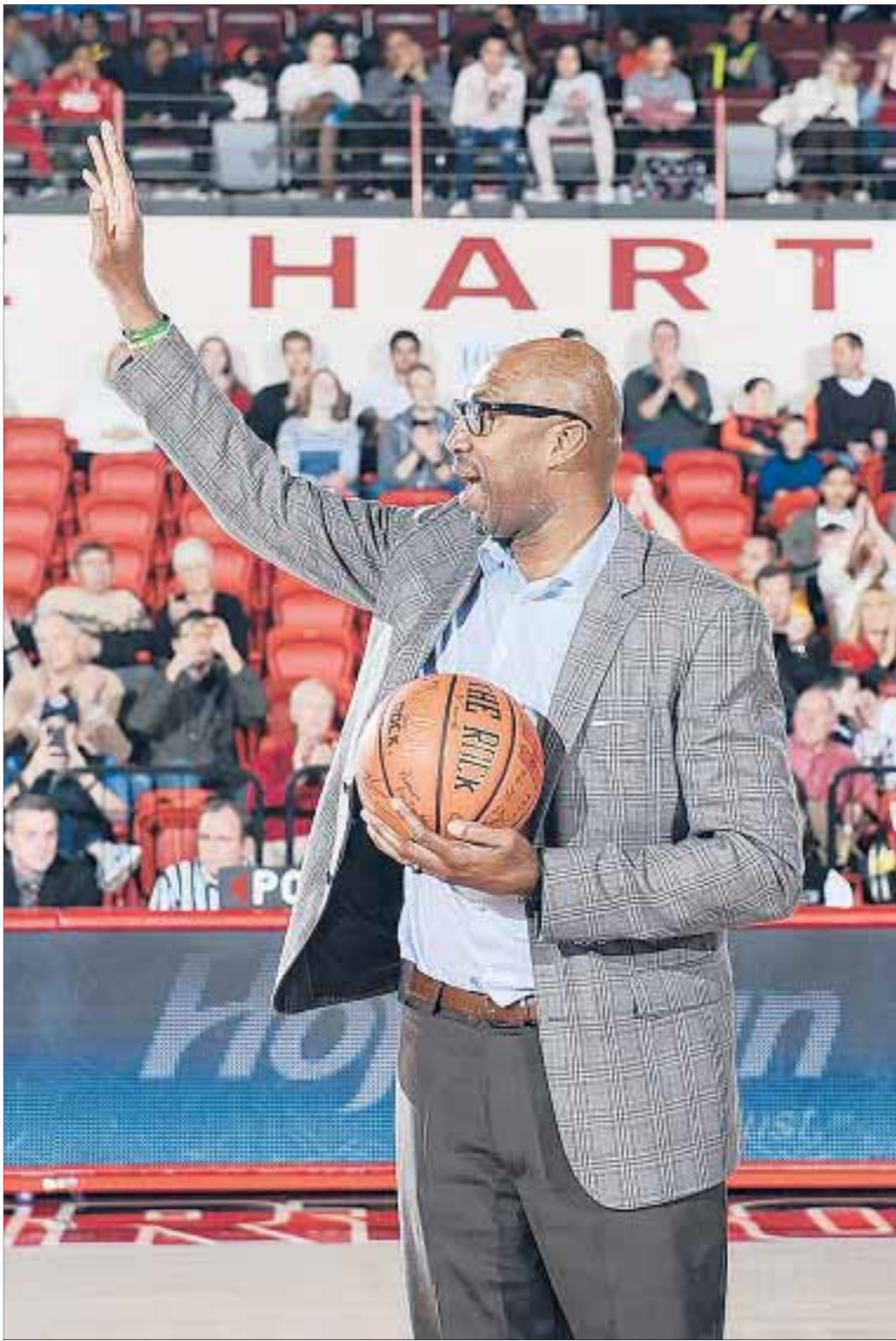
By DESMOND CONNER
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WEST HARTFORD – If the Milwaukee Bucks weren’t playing in Boston Monday night, Vin Baker probably wouldn’t have made it to the ceremony honoring him at his alma mater Saturday night. Baker now works for Fox Sports Wisconsin as an analyst for the team he spent four seasons during the pre- and postgame shows. En route to Boston, Baker stopped by the University of Hartford for an appearance at midcourt with university president Greg Woodward and athletic director Mary Ellen Gillespie. But it wasn’t just a trip to see his alma mater, it was also to see his son; Vin Baker Jr. is a Boston College freshman and his team was taking on Hartford. Sitting courtside with Shawnee, his wife of four years, it was quite a moment for the 6-foot-11 Baker when young Vin unfurled his 6-7, 177-pound body off the bench early in the first half. “So many emotions, all positive,” said Baker, 46, who lives in Milwaukee. “I’m really blessed. I was telling my wife you only get so many moments like this in your life and I told my son earlier, ‘Man whether you score 20 or whether you score 30, win lose or draw, you made me as proud a father as you possibly could have made me so I hope that takes some of the edge off.’ I’m just proud of my kid. This journey has been amazing and every now and then I’m

BAKER, C3

FORMER UHART big man Vin Baker is honored during the game Saturday. Baker, from Old Saybrook, was the eighth pick in the first round of the 1993 NBA draft and averaged 15 points in 13 seasons.

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Boone, Schaeffer Take A Big Leap



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Aaron Boone was 30 in October 2003 when he leaned into an 11th inning knuckleball from Tim Wakefield and so impacted the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry that it forever earned him the middle name “Bleepin’.” Warren Schaeffer was 30 when he first took the field as manager of the Asheville Tourists of the Class A South Atlantic League in 2015. On Wednesday, 110 miles apart, they were introduced as new managers of professional baseball clubs. One, inexperienced, will oversee the most famous franchise in America, maybe the world. The other, already with three years’ experience at age 32, will oversee a minor league team with the coolest little ballpark in America and mascots named Chew Chew and Chompers. Yes, Chew Chew and Chompers and Spit Him Out is what Yankees fans and the New York media will do to the ultra-polished, ultra-inexperienced Boone starting in April if he doesn’t win all the way through October. Brian Cashman built a team of the future that suddenly became the team of the present last year. Demands will be heavy to take the next step to one more ALCS win and

JACOBS, C5



ON THE FLY

WITH MIKE ANTHONY

Clearly sharp and seemingly a likable guy, Aaron Boone sounded fine in his first day as Yankees manager. He was introduced at the big stadium in the Bronx, where he fielded questions during a press conference, and made the media rounds all day. Who knows how Boone, with no coaching or managing experience, will do when there’s a series of difficult in-game decisions, a fan base jumping down his throat or a summer losing streak to deal with? Boone was mature enough to say he’ll have a lot to learn as he goes. But he won Day 1, which is important. With wildfires ripping through Southern California at a destructive and alarming rate,

UCLA canceled all athletic activities on campus scheduled for Wednesday, including a men’s basketball game against Montana. The fires have destroyed homes, closed sections of freeways and led to evacuations not far from the UCLA campus. ... Roger Goodell, controversial as he is, knows how to run the NFL in a way that squeezes every last buck out of every opportunity presented to his league. And so the rich, very rich, commissioner is getting richer with the approval of the league’s owners. Goodell has received a lucrative contract extension — five years, \$200 million, according to espn.com. ... Willie Taggart was introduced as Florida State coach, having signed a six-year, \$30 million contract. Taggart, 41, spent three years at his alma

mater, Western Kentucky, four at South Florida (turning his last two teams into winners after a 2-10 opening season) and just one at Oregon, going 7-5. The Brandenton, Fla., native feels like his home is at FSU, and he established impressive recruiting ties while with USF. What’s this nonsense we came across Wednesday afternoon? According to The Athletic, Rafael Palmeiro, 53, is considering a comeback. He last played professional baseball in 2005. ... The NFL will consider implementing a rule that calls for the automatic ejection of any player issued a targeting penalty. This makes sense — mostly. There are some disgusting hits taking place. JuJu Smith-Schuster on Vontaze Burfict was particularly

disturbing, and Rob Gronkowski’s forearm attack on a defenseless Tre’Davious White was only slightly less egregious. But there are some targeting situations that, while needing to be flagged, are largely inadvertent plays that should not warrant an ejection. ... In case you were wondering, because we were: Central Florida (12-0), the only undefeated team in FBS and one in the midst of transition from one coaching staff to the next, is a 9.5-point underdog to Auburn (10-3) in the Peach Bowl. What a victory it would be for the AAC and, obviously, the Knights, to pull off this upset. ... The first bowl games, by the way, are Dec. 16.

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STATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Hartford Women Defeat Central, 68-52

Staff And Wire Reports

Janelle Harrison had 19 points and nine rebounds to pace Hartford to a 68-52 home victory over Central in a nonconference game from Chase Arena in West Hartford Wednesday night. Darby Lee added 15 points, Lindsey Abed had a game-high 11 rebounds and Alexis Douglas added 12 points off the bench for Hartford (5-4). Central, which remained winless, was led by Morgan Johnson with 13 points. Andy Lydon had nine points, seven rebounds and Kiana Patterson added 10 for the Blue Devils (0-8).

Yale 77, Stony Brook 71 (2OT): After falling behind by a point early in the second overtime, Yale held Stony Brook scoreless over the final 3:59 of the second extra period to win on the road. Yale (5-3) was paced by 26 points, 13 rebounds from Jen Berkowitz. Roxy Barahman added 17 and Tamara Simpson had 15 points, nine steals. Jerell Matthews led Stony Brook (5-3) with 16 points. **Manhattanville 70, Wesleyan 65:** Wesleyan had three players score in the double digits but fell at home to Manhattanville. Maeve Vitale had 14 points

and Emma Roush added 11 for Wesleyan (5-2). Kymane Jones led all scorers with 19 points for Manhattanville (7-1). **Quinnipiac 62, Providence 36:** Paula Strautmanske scored a game-high 15 points and had five assists and five steals to help Quinnipiac to a nonconference home win over Providence. Taylor Herd added 10 points and Jen Fay had nine points and a game-high 15 rebounds for Quinnipiac (5-3). **Brown 102, Sacred Heart 77:** Erin Storck had 23 points to lead Sacred Heart in a nonconference

road loss to Brown. Tykera Carter had 14 points, six rebounds and Candice Leatherwood added 10 points, five rebounds for Sacred Heart (3-5). Erika Steeves had a game-high 31 points to lead Brown (8-1). **Villanova 73, Sacred Heart 44:** Paced by Sam Kramer's 10 points, Sacred Heart fell at home to an undefeated Villanova squad. Samantha Cooper (seven points) and Kadidiatou Diouf (six points) each had a team-high 11 rebounds for Sacred Heart (3-6). Adrianna Hahn had a game-high 21 points to lead Villa-

nova (8-0). **Men's** **Yale 86, Lehigh 77:** Alex Copeland had 25 points to lead Yale to a nonconference road win over Lehigh. Miye Oni had 21 points and a team-high seven rebounds off the bench for Yale (6-5). Blake Reynolds added 17 points. Kahrn Ross led Lehigh (4-5) with 19 points, five assists. **Wesleyan 83, Vassar 68:** Wesleyan remained undefeated with a road win over Vassar, behind 21 points from Jordan Bonner. Five different players scored double-digit points for the

Cardinals (7-0). **Houston 88, Fairfield 66:** Tyler Nelson paced Fairfield with 17 points as the Stags fell to Houston on the road in a nonconference game. Jesus Cruz had 16 points, Jerome Segura added 11 for Fairfield (3-5). Houston (7-1) was led by 20 points from Rob Gray. **DePaul 85, CCSU 57:** Eli Cain scored 17 points, Bradon Cyrus added 16 and DePaul cruised to a win over Central Connecticut on Wednesday night. Joe Hugley had 11 points and Mustafa Jones 10 for CCSU (5-4).

PRESS BOX

EDITED FROM NEWS SERVICES

BASEBALL: The Mariners and Angels each acquired \$1 million in international bonus pool money from the Twins to aid their pursuit of Japanese OF/P **Shohei Ohtani**. The Mariners sent minor league C **David Banuelos** to the Twins, while the Angels traded minor league OF **Jacob Pearson**. The Mariners can now offer Ohtani \$2,557,500 and the Angels can spend \$2,315,000. The Rangers have the most slot money available with \$3,535,000. ... **Giants GM Bobby Evans** confirmed that the club has reached the parameters of a potential trade for Marlins slugger **Giancarlo Stanton**. Evans said Giants executives gathered with the NL MVP and his representatives in "a good meeting" last week. ... The Indians and Twins are the latest teams planning to expand safety netting at their ballparks for next season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: **Ron Meyer**, the coach behind SMU's powerhouse "Pony Express" teams who later called for a snowplow to clear a spot so the New England Patriots could kick the winning field goal against the Dolphins in one of the NFL's most memorable moments, has died. He was 76. Meyer died Tuesday after collapsing with an aortic aneurism while playing golf in the Austin, Texas suburb of Lakeway, his family said in a statement. ... Oklahoma QB **Baker Mayfield**, Stanford RB **Bryce Love** and Louisville QB **Lamar Jackson** are the finalists for the Associated Press Player of the Year. The winner will be announced Thursday. The finalists are the same as those for the Heisman Trophy, which will be presented Saturday. ... Arkansas hired SMU's **Chad Morris** as its new coach. Morris, 49, agreed to a six-year contract and replaces **Bret Bielema**, who

was fired. ... **Willie Taggart** was introduced as the 11th head coach in Florida State history after one season at Oregon. The Bradenton, Fla., native coached at South Florida from 2013-16 before taking the Ducks job. ... **Mike Bloomgren** was hired as the coach at Rice. Bloomgren agreed to a five-year contract with the Owls after spending last season as the associate head coach and OC at Stanford. He takes over for **David Bailiff**, who was fired Nov. 27 after Rice finished 1-11. ... Pittsburgh signed coach **Pat Narduzzi** to a new contract that will keep him with the Panthers through the 2024 season. ... South Carolina fired co-offensive coordinator **Kurt Roper**.

OLYMPICS: Russian President **Vladimir Putin** won't boycott the Pyeongchang Olympics. Putin said his government will allow Russians to compete as neutral athletes at the games in South Korea. The IOC banned the Russian team from games as punishment for doping violations at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. ... The IOC left weightlifting at risk of being cut from the 2024 Olympics, and ordered retesting of more stored doping samples from the 2012 London Games.

SOCCER: England became the first country to have five teams in the knockout stage of the Champions League after Liverpool completed a sweep for Premier League clubs by defeating Spartak Moscow 7-0. Liverpool clinched Group E after **Philippe Coutinho** scored his first hat trick for the club. Liverpool was joined in the last 16 by former champion Porto, Sevilla and Shakhtar Donetsk. Napoli lost 2-1 at Feyenoord and failed to qualify.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Another Honor For Breuler
Wesleyan senior wide receiver Mike Breuler was named to the D3football.com All-East Region Team as a first-team selection. Breuler is just one of two NESCAC athletes to be honored and is the only player in the league to be named to the first team. He is joined by the NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year, Andrew Yamin of Amherst College, who was named to the second team. Breuler, of Hamden, was also named the NESCAC Offensive Player of the Year, the Joe Zabalski Award winner (top Division II/III offensive player in New England), an All-NESCAC first team selection, and a New England Football Writers Division II/III All-New England

Team honoree. He finished the season with 87 catches for 1,172 yards and 10 receiving touchdowns in nine games, breaking the NESCAC and Wesleyan records for catches and yards in a single season.

Georgiev Assigned To Pack
The Rangers have assigned goaltender Alexandar Georgiev to the Hartford Wolf Pack. Georgiev was recalled by the Rangers on Dec. 5 and he dressed for the team's game on Dec. 5 at Pittsburgh. He has appeared in 17 games with the Wolf Pack this season, posting a 4-7-4 record, along with a 3.29 GAA and a .897 save percentage. *From press releases*

THE WEEK AHEAD

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
UConn men basketball			Coppin St., 2 p.m. (GP)				
UConn women basketball		@DePaul, 7 p.m.					
UHart men basketball	Quinn., 7 p.m.				Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.		
UHart women basketball				@Bryant, 1 p.m.			
Central men basketball			@North. Ill., 1 p.m.				
Central women basketball			Yale, 1 p.m.				
UConn hockey		Colgate, 7 p.m.					
Wolf Pack		@Prov., 7:15 p.m.	Rochester, 7:30 p.m.	Spring., 5 p.m.			
Celtics		@Spurs, 9:30 p.m.		@Pistons, 4 p.m.	@Bulls, 8 p.m.		Nuggets, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks			@Bulls, 8 p.m.	Hawks, 7:30 p.m.		Lakers, 7 p.m.	
Nets	Thunder, 10 p.m.*		Heat, 6 p.m.*			Wizards, 7:30 p.m.	
Bruins			Coyotes, 7 p.m.				@Red Wings, 8 p.m.
Rangers		@Capitals, 7 p.m.	Devils, 7 p.m.		Stars, 7 p.m.		@Senators, 7 p.m.
Black Wolves		Swarm, 7:30 p.m.					

NFL: Cowboys at Giants, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Jets at Broncos, Sunday, 4 p.m.; Patriots at Dolphins, Monday, 8:30 p.m.; GP-Gampel Pavilion; *-at Mexico City

ON THE AIR

BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.: Valparaiso at Purdue. **FS1**
7 p.m.: Stony Brook at Columbia. **SNY**
8 p.m.: Iowa at Iowa State. **ESPN2**
8 p.m.: Minnehaha vs. Apple Valley. **ESPN**
8 p.m.: Lakers at 76ers. **TNT**
8:30 p.m.: Howard at Georgetown. **FS1**
9:30 p.m.: Santa Cruz Warriors at Austin Spurs. **ESPN**
10 p.m.: Thunder vs Brooklyn Nets. **YES**
10:30 p.m.: Rockets at Jazz. **TNT**

FOOTBALL

8:20 p.m.: Saints at Falcons. **NBC NFL**
GOLF
9 p.m.: Australian Masters, Second Round. **GOLF**
4:30 a.m.: Ladies European Tour: Omega Dubai Masters, Third Round. **GOLF**
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Coyotes at Bruins. **NESN**
SOCCER
3 p.m.: UEFA Europa League: Arsenal FC vs FC BATE Borisov. **FS1**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Calhoun Talks Turkeys, St. Joseph, UConn

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HARTFORD — Jim Calhoun walked through the door to a familiar sight: hundreds of bags of groceries ready to be handed out to the people lined up almost completely around the Pope Park Community Center on Wednesday.

"Holiday seasons aren't great for everybody, you know," he said. "If we can bring a little sunshine, a happy moment, a smile. That's a great night. It's a nice holiday gift for Pat and I."

Calhoun, 75, began his holiday food drive 19 years ago and it has been a part of his calendar ever since, through the glory years at UConn, through retirement and now as he moves full speed ahead with his new challenge — starting up the Division III men's basketball program at the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford.

"It's a whole new world for them," Calhoun said, before sitting down to sign autographs Wednesday. "We're working with an architect, looking at drawings of a new building — 18 months to two years. Every day is something different. I'm excited, it's been fun."

Calhoun, who is officially a "consultant" and Glen Miller, who has the title "associate director," have been out looking at players.

"We have 22 on the board right now," Calhoun said. "I've been out, my wife says too much. Every kid thinks, in prep schools, he's going to be a Division I player. And



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FORMER UCONN HUSKIES, from left, Lyman DePriest, John Gwynn and Oliver Macklin came out to help Jim Calhoun continue his long tradition of giving out turkey dinners to families in the Hartford area Wednesday evening.

when the money doesn't come? ... Hellooo. We're here."

Details of Calhoun's role and title at St. Joe's will be worked out later, as he is still under contract at UConn. But he has some interesting ideas for year one, while a new gym is built on campus.

"We're debating exactly what we're going to do," he said, "but I would like to get a game at Mohegan Sun, and I wouldn't mind playing, if UConn has a 7:30 game, playing [the XL Center] at 5, someone local, like Trinity College."

In the meantime, Calhoun keeps track of Kevin Ollie's Huskies, going to most home games. He was at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night, when UConn lost to Syracuse, 72-63. The Huskies, Calhoun thinks, need to develop an identity.

"I just think we're fluctuating so much, with Alterique [Gilbert] out right now," Calhoun said, "and when you fluctuate you've probably got to simplify. We need to fig-

ure out what we're going to try to do every single night. We have really good aspects, we've got to find the best way to use them.

"It's hard sometimes, because we're trying to develop our front court, do this, this and that. We have a very good back court, five guys who can play on the perimeter, most teams don't have that. And we've got to simplify what we do and hope to continue to work on what we're really good at, and do that. Syracuse, you know what they did? Play a zone, protect the rim, and won because of the 2-3 zone. We've got to find our niche as the season goes on. I have a lot of confidence in Kevin. I think we have good players."

Over 19 years, Calhoun's food drive has distributed more than 15,000 holiday dinners — frozen turkeys and fixings. The 500 dinners given out were funded by Calhoun with donations from ShopRite and Omar Coffee.

UCLA-Montana Canceled Due To Fires

UCLA canceled Wednesday's scheduled game against Montana at Pauley Pavilion because of concerns related to the nearby wildfires.

"The health and safety of student-athletes, staff and fans is our top priority," the school said in a statement.

All scheduled team workouts and practices also were canceled.

UCLA had planned an early morning football practice in preparation for the Cactus Bowl against Kansas State on Dec. 26 at Chase Field in Phoenix. That is now tentatively scheduled for Thursday morning.

Single-game ticket purchases for the basketball game will be automatically refunded, the school announced. Season ticket holders will receive a credit to their UCLA ticket account for the cost of the game.

BC's Hawkins done: Boston College forward Deontae Hawkins is out for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

The 6-foot-8, 220-pound graduate transfer

AP TOP 25

RK (CP)	TEAM	CONF.	W-L	WEDNESDAY/NEXT GAME
				*-a.m.
1. (1)	Duke	ACC	11-0	Sat vs. Boston College, noon
2. (2)	Kansas	Big 12	7-0	vs. Washington, late
3. (3)	Michigan State	Big Ten	8-1	Sat vs. Southern Utah, 6
4. (4)	Villanova	Big East	9-0	Sun vs. LaSalle, 1
5. (5)	Florida	SEC	5-2	vs. Loyola (Chi), late
6. (6)	Wichita State	AAC	7-1	Sat at Oklahoma State, 3
7. (9)	Texas A&M	SEC	7-1	Thu vs. Prairie View A&M 4:30
8. (7)	Kentucky	SEC	7-1	Sat vs. Monmouth, noon
9. (8)	Notre Dame	ACC	7-2	Sat at Delaware, 7
10. (11)	Miami	ACC	8-0	D16 at Geo. Washington, noon
11. (10)	UNC	ACC	9-1	W 104-61 vs. W. Carolina
12. (13)	Gonzaga	WCC	7-2	Sun at Washington, 8
13. (14)	Xavier	Big East	8-1	W 96-70 vs. Kent State
14. (15)	Minnesota	Big Ten	8-2	Sat at Arkansas, 6:45
15. (12)	Virginia	ACC	8-1	D16 vs. Davidson, 2
16. (17)	Arizona State	Pac-12	7-0	Fri vs. St. John's, 8
17. (17)	Cincinnati	AAC	7-1	Sat vs. #5 Florida, 6
18. (16)	W.Va.	Big 12	8-1	Sat at Pitt, 8
19. (19)	Seton Hall	Big East	7-1	Sat vs. Va. Commonwealth, 3
20. (20)	TCU	Big 12	9-0	Thu vs. #22 Nevada, 11:59
21. (21)	Purdue	Big Ten	8-2	Thu vs. Valparaiso, 6:30
22. (24)	Nevada	Mtn West	8-1	Fri vs. #20 TCU, 11:59
23. (22)	Baylor	Big 12	6-2	Thu vs. Randall, 7
24. (-)	Tennessee	SEC	6-1	Sat vs. Lipscomb, 2:15
25. (25)	USC	Pac-12	4-2	Fri vs. Oklahoma, 10:30

CP-USA Today Coaches poll

was injured in the first half of Boston College's nonconference game against Nebraska on Nov. 29. He was the Eagles' third-leading scorer and top rebounder, averaging 12.4 points and 9.1 rebounds in eight games.

Hawkins spent his first three years at Illinois State.

Detroit coach back: Detroit Mercy coach Bacari Alexander returned to work after a seven-game absence.

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NFL NOTEBOOK

Goodell Signs Deal Worth Near \$200M

Associated Press

Roger Goodell signed a five-year contract extension to remain commissioner of the NFL through 2024. A memo from the NFL's compensation committee to team owners and obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press confirms that Goodell and committee chairman Arthur Blank, owner of the Falcons, signed the extension. That extension has been a source of controversy because Cowboys owner Jerry Jones objected to the process. A person familiar with the contract told The Associated Press it's worth almost \$200 million, with a base of \$40 million. Goodell earned nearly \$32 million in 2015, the last year in which public records for the NFL are available. Jones wasn't immediately available for comment.

Shazier in new hospital: Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier has been transferred from a Cincinnati hospital to Pittsburgh to continue treatment for a spinal injury suffered during Monday night's game against the Bengals. The Steelers said Shazier will continue to undergo tests before offering an update on his status.

SAM FARMER'S THURSDAY NIGHT PICK Saints (9-3) at Falcons (7-5) 8:25 p.m., NBC, NFLN *Saints by 1 (O/U 51 1/2)* The Saints have too many ways to beat you. If they can run the way they did on Luke Kuechly and the Panthers defense, they can run it on anybody. The Falcons need to bounce back strong. **Saints 28, Falcons 23**

NFL to review targeting: The league will look into adding targeting as a specific category for video review. **Troy Vincent**, the league's football operations chief, said it's on the agenda to discuss with the competition committee and the players union after the season.

Extra points: The Chiefs suspended CB **Marcus Peters** for Sunday's game against the Raiders for his tantrum during a loss to the Jets last weekend. ... The Rams didn't practice outdoors due to poor air quality around their training complex in Ventura County. A wildfire 25 miles away has burned more than 100 square miles. ... Bengals S **George Iloka** had his one-game ban overturned on appeal, leaving him with a \$36,464.50 fine for his hit to Steelers WR **Antonio Brown's** head Monday.

GIANTS-JETS NOTEBOOK

New Normal: Manning Starts

Giants Coach Spagnuolo Goes With His Gut

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — One of the first things Steve Spagnuolo discussed with John Mara after being named the interim coach of the Giants on Monday was the quarterback situation. As defensive coordinator, he hadn't spent much time analyzing the reps of the three on the team's roster, but Spagnuolo has been around long enough to understand that the mishandling of Eli Manning and Geno Smith is a big reason why Ben McAdoo is no longer with the team.

So he said what he believed, but also what Mara undoubtedly wanted to hear.

"I said, John, my gut right now is that Eli should be the starter," Spagnuolo said on Wednesday. "I took my gut and visited with the offensive coaches and together with that and my gut, Eli Manning is going to be our quarterback."

Asked if that gives the Giants the best chance to win on Sunday against the Cowboys, Spagnuolo said: "That would be a pretty good assessment."

The return to normal for the Giants, though, means a return to the bench for Geno Smith.

Smith admitted he was not happy with the decision.

"Any competitor wouldn't be," he said. "To be put in that situation where you get a chance to play and then you're being pulled, but it's not because you played bad, you try to figure out why. But you've got to understand that some things happen in this business and you've just got to roll with it."

Smith said he reflected on a speech by Bobby Blick, one of the Giants' defensive assistants, earlier this season.

"It was about being an oak tree no matter if the sun is shining or if the wind is blowing and it's storming," he said. "Just staying rooted, staying grounded and being the same guy. So I think that comes into play especially more now. I'm just going to continue to be the same guy, continue to support my guys, my teammates. Continue to be prepared, you never know what can happen and we'll see from there."

Smith was told by Spagnuolo that the Giants were turning back to Manning.

"He told me the decision that he made, I told him how I felt about it, and then we kind of moved on from there," Smith said.

Spagnuolo, though, was impressed by the way Smith handled the team reverting to Manning, calling their meeting "a tremendous conversation."

"I have a great deal of respect for Geno Smith in the way he reacted," Spagnuolo said. "He was a man. He obviously didn't agree with the decision, but he is a team player and he told me that he was going to go forward and wants to be a part of this and I just have a great deal of respect for him. It's not an easy thing to do."

Notes: CB Eli Apple (hip/back), LB Jonathan Casillas (neck/wrist), DE Jason Pierre-Paul (finger), WR Sterling Shepard (hamstring) and T Chad Wheeler (concussion) did not practice. Pugh and RB Wayne Gallman (hip), LB B.J. Goodson (ankle) and DT Damon Harrison (elbow) were limited.

High-Flying Jet

Josh McCown has had the type of season that few people — other than

the New York Jets quarterback himself — could have expected.

He was widely viewed as simply a place holder, a veteran who would bridge the gap until the next franchise quarterback stepped up and took his spot under center.



McCown

McCown still may very well be just that. But a funny thing happened along the way: The 38-year-old McCown has had the best season of his 15-year career and established himself as an emotional leader who has the Jets still thinking playoffs in early December.

Oh, and coach Todd Bowles reiterated on Wednesday that he will be New York's starter for the final four games of the regular season.

"That was my plan and my expectation, so to hear that reaffirms it, but I had every expectation of doing that anyway," McCown said.

McCown will start his 13th game on Sunday at Denver, matching his career high set back in 2004 while playing for Arizona in his third NFL season.

Since that year with the Cardinals, McCown had started more than nine games just once: when he was under center for 11 games with Tampa Bay three years ago.

Now, he has a shot, barring injury, to play in all 16 for the first time.

"Certainly, it's something that I would like to accomplish, there's no doubt about it," he said.

Tossing a career-high 18 touchdown passes is also quite the accomplishment. Last Sunday, McCown threw for 331 yards and a TD and also ran for two scores in leading New York to a 38-31 victory over Kansas City.

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Not Ready To Quit Yet, Jonathan Freeny's Back

Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — On Wednesday morning, Jonathan Freeny walked into Gillette Stadium and hung his things in his old locker. Left side, near the back of the Patriots locker room. The practice schedule was typical for a Wednesday, so Freeny slid into his old routine.

There was just the small matter of signing a contract to take care of first. Freeny re-signed with the Patriots after being out of football for more than a month. The 6-foot-2, 255-pound linebacker, who was with New England from 2015 up until the end of training camp this past summer, filled the roster spot vacated by tight end Rob Gronkowski, who is serving a

one-game suspension.

"It's crazy," Freeny said. "Because I was talking to Duron [Harmon] earlier and I was like, 'I came back today and it feels like I haven't even been gone.' It's crazy. It's like second nature to me. I love being around this place. I love being here and I'm glad to be back."

Freeny knows the Patriots system, having played in 18 games with 11 starts during his previous stint. He said he felt comfortable enough in his first practice to say he should be able to play Monday against the Dolphins, if asked.

"If my number is called, I'm going to do my best to study and prepare and be ready for Monday night," Freeny said.

Freeny, 28, played three games for the Ravens this season but hasn't been on a roster since he was cut by the Jaguars on Oct. 28.

"I don't know, I just felt like I wasn't done playing yet," Freeny said.

Among The Missing

Tom Brady missed his third straight Wednesday practice as he continues to use the day to get extra treatment for his Achilles' tendon injury.

Brady could have another weapon at his disposal Monday in Miami, as receiver Chris Hogan returned to practice for the first time since suffering a shoulder injury in Week 8 vs. the Chargers.

Brady was not the only starter missing from practice as corner-

back Malcolm Butler, right tackle Marcus Cannon (ankle), defensive lineman Deatrich Wise and Van Noy also were absent.

There was no immediate word on why Butler and Wise were not at practice.

Meyer Dead At 76

Former Patriots coach Ron Meyer died Tuesday at age 76. Meyer died after collapsing with an aortic aneurism while playing golf in Lakeway, Texas, his family said in a statement.

Meyer coached the Patriots from 1982-84, taking over a team that finished a league-worst 2-44 and finishing 5-4 in his first season to make the playoffs in a strike-shortened season.

Facing the Dolphins at a snowy

Foxboro Stadium on Dec. 12, 1982, Meyer famously called timeout late in the fourth quarter and sent a stadium worker named Mark Henderson out to clear the Miami 23-yard line for John Smith's 33-yard attempt. With a clear field, Smith made the kick and the Patriots won, 3-0.

Meyer went 18-15 with New England.

As He Is

With the Patriots playing in prime time Monday, Bill Belichick was asked if he puts a little extra effort into his appearance — his clothes or his hair — when he knows he'll be on a national broadcast.

"No," he answered. "I think that's obvious."

Baker

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collecting these amazing new pieces on my journey in sobriety and this was one of them."

Vin Jr. played 10 minutes and had an assist.

"It was special coming in here where your dad played," said Vin Jr., who attended Hamden Hall. "I didn't feel any pressure or anything but you know people know who I am and you know they're definitely kind of looking like 'could he be? Could he do this? Could he do that? I just keep working and practicing and trusting the process like my dad tells me so that when my time does come they'll know really what it is.' The Eagles won, 73-61.

As Baker said, the points scored by his son nor the final score matter all that much. The former America East player of the year, four-time NBA All-Star and Olympic gold medalist has seen the highest of highs. The Old Saybrook product was the eighth overall pick of the Bucks in 1993, averaging 15 points and 74 rebounds in 13 seasons.

But Baker was out of the league in 2006 and into a rehabilitation facility for the fourth time, Rushford in Middletown in 2011. On top of that, he was broke. Just two years ago, Baker was working in North Kingstown, R.I., as a barista at Starbucks.

"I will enjoy sobriety seven years on April 17, 2018, seven years of sobriety," Baker said with a wide smile. "I'm enjoying the best part right now even more so than being in the NBA. This is the best life I've ever had."

The best life he's ever had?

"The beautiful thing is, especially in recovery, sometimes you got to go through something tumultuous, something epic to understand how good life is and living life on life's terms," said Baker who in addition to doing Bucks games works in player development for the franchise that first drafted him. "It's almost like if I didn't go



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FORMER University of Hartford star Vin Baker hugs his son, Vin Baker Jr., during a ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2017 in which UHart honored Baker Sr.

through what I went through I wouldn't appreciate my mother [Jean] and my father [James], the University of Hartford, my son playing in here. I'm just blessed.

"The University of Hartford, President Woodward, Mary Ellen have all been wonderful to me. It was one of those nights, you've had them before, where you'll always remember it and cherish. It was one of those nights... I didn't think seven years ago I could have night like this. ... I told myself I wasn't going to cry but I didn't think seven years ago I would ever have a night like this. It was the furthest thing from my imagination just like the 1993 draft when I was in Old Saybrook, a night like this was the furthest thing from my imagination. God is good, man."

The alcohol abuse ultimately led to the end of his career but Baker knew these kinds

of stories can have really bad endings, death or jail among them. He didn't allow it to happen. Baker got on a road to recovery that has no fast lanes.

Seven years in April. On Saturday Vin Baker saw more motivation Saturday night.

"I was young when he was going through the things he was going through and I just wasn't old enough to understand but I heard stories and you have the internet and people are always in your ear," Vin Jr. said. "I know he's been through a lot. To go through that, to be at the bottom and work his way up it's just a blessing and a perfect of example of what staying the course and never quitting or giving up can do. I couldn't feel what he felt or experience what he experienced but I've seen the progress and I'm super proud of him; where he is now, being sober almost seven years. I'm real proud of my father."

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Vin Baker

Baker spent five days at Rushford. He went back to church and hasn't looked back since. On that road to recovery he connected with Howard Schulz, the owner of Starbucks, but he was also the owner of the Seattle Supersonics where Baker played from 1997-2002.

Baker then entered a different kind of program — manager trainee.

"It was part of the journey," said Baker, who trained in North Kingstown, Old Lyme and Branford. "It was a great part of my journey. I was training to be a store manager there. It was a place in my life I needed. When you're hurt and hit with addiction the one thing you lose, other than the ability to say no, is hope. Starbucks gave me hope."

Baker, with Schultz, spoke to about 250 Starbucks employees in Seattle about recovery a few weeks ago.

He's kicked off a foundation, "Bouncing Back," which deals with all levels of recovery but alcoholism, in particular. According to the nonprofit organization's mission statement the foundations is "...compassionately dedicated to improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities affected by alcohol and drug addiction and dependency."

"We're going to branch out," Baker said. "We're going to have one in Wisconsin and Connecticut. I'm going to be asking friends and family to help me help people feel like I feel in recovery and sobriety. I want to open sober houses in Connecticut and Milwaukee."

UConn Women
Friday: at DePaul, 7 p.m.

UConn Men
Saturday: Coppin State, 2 p.m., Gampel

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UConn Men: Revisiting Loss to Syracuse

Mistake-Prone Huskies Let Chance Slip Away

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The setting, the crowd and the opponent brought back memories of better, more exciting days for UConn men's basketball.

And then came reality — the ultimate buzzkill.

"We had a great rivalry," Jim Boeheim said after Syracuse's 72-63 win over UConn at a packed Madison Square Garden. "We played great games, great memories. But when you're in a league, you're in [a] league and that's what's important."

Boeheim was re-making a point he made when the Huskies and Orange last met as Big East rivals, at the XL Center in February 2013. They could continue playing each other, he said then, but it would not be the same. Left un-made was the larger point — UConn and Syracuse are in different leagues now, in more ways than one. You see Tyus Battle (22 points), a player UConn recruited early and hard, is starring at Syracuse and you know what it means.

The reality is that a UConn team thrown together after the defections of last spring, that had to go to overtime to beat Columbia and Monmouth this week, would be no match for Syracuse. It hit hard. The Huskies showed fight, but could not keep the taller, stronger, more talented athletes from Syracuse off the boards and they got crushed, one thunderous tip-dunk after another. And Syracuse's zone looked as if it had 10 men on the floor to UConn's five.

The Huskies have time to get better, and will have more chances to get quality wins, but a great opportunity to restore the roar to the program went by the boards, offensive and defensive.

Here are some takeaways.

Size Matters

The Huskies don't have a player over 6 feet 9, so Syracuse's Paschal Chukwu, before fouling out, was a matchup problem. The young big men around him, Matthew Moyer and Oshea Brissett, dominated the game. UConn's frontcourt has a lot of players, but none with this kind of talent. Eric Cobb now appears healthy and showed some flashes that he could be part of a solution. Perhaps it's going to settle into Cobb and Mamadou Diarra splitting that



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KEVIN OLLIE clearly wasn't pleased Tuesday. He said his team didn't look prepared and looked as "if it had never seen a zone before."

spot. But it's hard to see the Huskies matching up against, say, Cincinnati with this group.

Ball Security

Turnovers have been a problem, a much bigger problem than it should be with three experienced guards in the game nearly all of the time. Jalen Adams used the word "reckless" to describe the ball-handling in the first half, when the Huskies turned it over 13 times. The Huskies needed to be poised and slow this game down; their veterans couldn't do it.

Fool's Gold

You can't make a whole lot out of the margin of victory, or that UConn was within eight points with 8 1/2 minutes left. To the eyeballs, UConn was never really in this game. The Huskies were fortunate to

be down only 11 at the half, and once Syracuse got ahead by 17, the Orange got sloppy and the Huskies started hoisting 3-pointers. A few of them went in, and the game got close. But when challenged, Syracuse — even with the 7-2 Chukwu fouled out — had more than enough answers.

Preparation

Kevin Ollie has never shied from accountability. After nearly every loss he will say, in one way or another, "it starts with me." But it was a little surprising for him to say in the wee hours that his team didn't look "prepared," and looked as "if it had never seen a zone before." That speaks, in large part, to the unique (and enduring) quality of Syracuse's zone — it's what they do, they're all in on it, and they get players who fit their design. So while other teams

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORE

SYRACUSE 72, UCONN 63									
Syracuse	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT		
Moyer	36	7-9	3-6	8	0	4	18		
Brissett	38	5-13	6-6	10	0	3	16		
Chukwu	20	1-1	4-6	5	0	5	6		
Howard	39	1-10	3-4	5	5	3	5		
Battle	40	8-18	3-5	2	3	2	22		
Washington	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Dolezal	16	0-0	3-4	1	1	2	3		
Sidibe	5	0-0	2-2	3	0	1	2		
TOTALS	—	22-51	24-33	37	9	20	72		
Three-point goals: 4-16, 25.0 (Battle 3-8, Moyer 1-2, Brissett 0-3, Howard 0-3). FG pct.: 43.1. FT pct.: 72.7. Team rebounds: 3. Turnovers: 15 (Howard 9, Battle 4, Moyer 2). Blocks: 4 (Brissett 2, Chukwu, Dolezal). Steals: 11 (Battle 5, Howard 2, Dolezal 2, Moyer, Brissett).									
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT		
Adams	40	8-13	3-3	2	2	2	22		
Diarra	17	0-3	1-6	7	0	5	1		
Larrier	38	4-11	5-6	2	2	1	14		
Anderson	38	1-4	0-0	1	1	4	3		
Vital	37	4-11	7-8	5	4	2	17		
Polley	7	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0		
Cobb	17	3-4	0-0	3	2	5	6		
Carlton	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Onuorah	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0		
TOTALS	—	20-47	16-23	26	11	21	63		
Three-point goals: 7-19, 36.8 (Adams 3-6, Vital 2-7, Larrier 1-2, Anderson 1-4). FG pct.: 42.6. FT pct.: 69.6. Team rebounds: 5. Turnovers: 17 (Larrier 4, Anderson 4, Adams 3, Diarra 2, Carlton 2, Polley, Vital). Blocks: 3 (Diarra, Larrier, Cobb). Steals: 7 (Vital 2, Cobb 2, Larrier, Adams, Diarra).									
S	40	32	—	72					
UC	29	34	—	63					
Officials: Corbett, Natili, Clougherty. Att.: 17,532 at Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y.									

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Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim

may play what they call a zone, it's not like this. All that said, if the Huskies were unprepared for it, that does start with coaching.

Rivalries Renewed

The Garden was just about full, 17,538 the announced attendance. When the Villanova-Gonzaga game ended, and the UConn-Syracuse game was beginning, there was hardly an empty seat. Villanova fans began to go home and the crowd thinned for the second half, but UConn can still bring fans into New York. Can't live in the past, but these games are worth playing, whatever the state of the program. That was never a question — Huskies fans are still out there, the need is to give them a reason to be excited again. This game didn't do it, and the next game, against Coppin State, isn't a candidate to do it, either.

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So while she did not aggravate the previous injury, it is in the same area.

"Got a sprained foot, you add a sprained ankle on top of it ... it's not ideal," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said..

Given UConn has 10 days off after the meeting with DePaul, Samuelson will have plenty of time to rest the foot. But she is also itching to play.

"I definitely want to start playing, but I've talked to the coaches and Shea [Ralph] a lot about trying to think about the longevity of this season and how I don't want to be dealing with this for a while," Samuelson said. "But I'm definitely ready to get out there and play in a full game."

Auriemma said the previous injury gives him pause, especially since it's so early in the season. But he detects frustration.

"She's missed so many games," Auriemma said. "After the first game, she's yet to finish a game. So some of that plays into it. She wants to play and I want her to play. ... She's bugging me to play. A lot of times I'm inclined to let her play."

Williams has been dealing with migraines since preseason. She is reluctant to talk about it, saying only that she is feeling better and had a good day of practice.

"We've got a plan, we're working on it," Williams said.

Auriemma said the ailment is not easy to manage and Williams — like Samuelson — gets upset when her play is impacted or when she can't be on the floor.



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UConn's Katie Lou Samuelson takes a charge against Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale on Sunday. Samuelson, who turned her ankle in the game against the Fighting Irish, participated in a series of drills Wednesday.

"It is kind of day to day," Auriemma said. "I think she's getting better at it. The biggest thing is, she just gets frustrated with it. And when she gets frustrated with it, it doesn't help her, it doesn't help anybody. So right now, more than anything, we're just trying to help her with the frustration of it all. Because that's when she starts playing poorly, when she gets really frustrated."

Williams said it was no fun sitting on the bench in the second half Sunday. UConn made its fourth-

quarter run with freshman Megan Walker contributing on defense and reserve Azura Stevens leading the charge with 10 points.

Given the loss of key players, the comeback was significant for UConn. Moving forward, the Huskies seem capable of absorbing injuries.

"It was fun to watch them pull it out," Williams said. "They could have very easily just given up right then. They could have given up and had excuses. ... That says a lot about their competitiveness and their fight."

UConn Women's Results, Schedule

Overall 7-0; AAC 0-0

- Nov. 12: UConn 78, Stanford 53
- Nov. 17: UConn 82, Cal 47
- Nov. 19: UConn 97, Maryland 72
- Nov. 21: UConn 78, UCLA 60
- Nov. 25: UConn 96, Michigan State 62
- Nov. 28: UConn 88, Nevada 57
- Dec. 3: UConn 80, Notre Dame 71

Upcoming

- Friday: at DePaul, 7 p.m., FS1
- Dec. 19: Oklahoma (Hall of Fame Holiday Showcase, Mohegan Sun), 7 p.m., CBS Sports Network
- Dec. 22: vs. Duquesne (Toronto, Ontario), 7 p.m., SNY
- Dec. 31: Memphis (XL), 1:30 p.m., SNY
- Jan. 3: at East Carolina, 7 p.m., SNY
- Jan. 6: at South Florida, 7 p.m., SNY
- Jan. 9: Central Florida (GP), 7 p.m.
- Jan. 13: at Houston, 3 p.m., SNY
- Jan. 15: at Texas, 7 p.m., ESPN2
- Jan. 18: Tulsa (GP), 7 p.m., SNY
- Jan. 21: at Temple, 1 p.m., ESPN2
- Jan. 24: at Memphis, 1 p.m., SNY
- Jan. 27: Tulane (GP), noon, SNY
- Feb. 1: at South Carolina, 7 p.m., ESPN
- Feb. 4: Cincinnati (XL), 1 p.m., SNY
- Feb. 7: at Central Florida, 7 p.m., SNY
- Feb. 10: Wichita State (XL), 1 p.m., SNY
- Feb. 12: Louisville (GP), 7 p.m., ESPN2
- Feb. 18: Temple (XL), 2 p.m., CBS Sports Network
- Feb. 21: at Tulane, 8 p.m., SNY
- Feb. 24: at SMU, 6 p.m., SNY
- Feb. 26: South Florida (GP), 7 p.m., ESPN2

Safety Tip of the Day

Toys which can be ridden by a child often result in the highest number of toy-related injuries. Make sure your child has appropriate protective equipment and always wears a helmet.

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HARTFORD YARD GOATS



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WARREN SCHAEFFER, left, is introduced as the new manager of the Yard Goats by team president Tim Restall at a press conference at Dunkin' Donuts Park on Wednesday. Schaeffer follows his mentor Jerry Weinstein as the team's manager.

Schaeffer Ready To Play Ball

Manager Relates To Young Players

By **JOHN ALTAVILLA**
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HARTFORD — When the Yard Goats finally moved into Dunkin' Donuts Park in 2017, they did so with a manager, Jerry Weinstein, who at 73 was old enough to be a grandfather to his players.

In fact, Weinstein made reference to the age disparity the day he was introduced in Hartford by spinning some self-deprecating humor.

"They hired an old goat to manage the Yard Goats," Weinstein said.

When the season opens in April, the manager will be a kid in comparison with the "old goat." With Weinstein off to play another role in their organization, the Colorado Rockies have assigned a new manager to the Double A Eastern League team. And Warren Schaeffer is just 32 years old.

The Yard Goats formally introduced Schaeffer Wednesday at the ballpark. He was wearing jeans, as current looking as many of the players he will be managing.

"My players are going to want consistency from me," Schaeffer said. "They need consistency in terms of personality, the way you go about your business, how you handle each and every player. Fairness is the key thing. If you are all those things, you are going to get a lot from them."

Schaeffer is very familiar with Weinstein, who stressed fundamentals and was always on the field early in the afternoon working with his players. He

considers him a mentor.

"We met in 2009," Schaeffer said. "He was my manager in Modesto in High A ball. I was his utility guy and we developed a great relationship there. Jerry is different than anyone I know. He's fantastic, he's great, but he's different. We works differently on the field, harder and more than anyone on the field, and he's 73 years old. It's incredible. There's a lot to respect about him. We have a great relationship and share a lot of qualities. You will see me working hard out there, too."

Schaeffer comes to the Yard Goats from the Class A Asheville Tourists of the South Atlantic League, where he had spent the past three seasons. At Asheville, he has already managed a number of players who spent time in Hartford last season, like Max White, Drew Weeks and Brendan Rodgers, the Rockies' top minor league prospect.

"But I know this is going to be a different experience for me because these players have grown up since they played in A ball," Schaeffer said. "Even though I know them very well, I am going to need to adjust to their different personalities. You have to give the older players a little more leeway. In A ball, some guys need their hands held. But here, they should know what they are doing and you just guide them along the way."

Schaeffer is the third manager the Yard Goats have had in three seasons. Weinstein was preceded by Darin Everson, now the hitting coach of the Rockies' Triple A team in Albuquerque, N.M. The remainder of the Yard Goats coaching staff will be announced later.

Schaeffer led the Tourists to a second-place finish in the second half

of the South Atlantic League last season. In 2016, he managed the Tourists to a 40-29 record in the second half, a playoff series win, and an appearance in the South Atlantic League championship series. The former infielder was drafted by the Rockies in the 38th round of the 2007 MLB draft from Virginia Tech. He played for six seasons (461 games) in the Rockies' minor league system and reached Triple A Colorado Springs in 2011.

"Warren has a tremendous passion for coaching and developing players," Rockies senior director of player development Zach Wilson said at the time Schaeffer's hiring was announced. "As manager, he will bring consistent energy to the field every day and will have the Yard Goats playing with that same drive and heart each game. He will be a great leader and representative of the Colorado Rockies, the Yard Goats and the City of Hartford."

Schaeffer hit .214 with nine home runs, 161 runs and 137 RBI for six minor league teams before retiring in 2012 and calling the Rockies' scouting director to ask about coaching opportunities. He said one of the skills he had to learn was handling a pitching staff.

"As an infielder, you are always going to the mound, you are in the game, you know the situation," Schaeffer said. "I'm not ever going to talk mechanics to pitchers. No way. I don't know anything about it. I let my pitching coach do that. But in terms of knowledge of the game, the way it's supposed to be run, infielders, especially shortstops and catchers, we know what we're doing. If you are engaged [in the game] you get the feeling and it doesn't leave you."

Jacobs

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return to the World Series for the first time since 2009.

"Obviously, the expectation here is to win championships," Boone, 44, said before a huge media contingent at Yankee Stadium. "I understand what I signed up for."

Schaeffer's job with the Double A Yard Goats is different in one major respect. Wins will be nice, but player development for the parent Colorado Rockies will be paramount.

"I'm Warren Schaeffer and I'm from Pittsburgh, Pa.," Schaeffer, 32, announced in front of a much smaller contingent at Dunkin' Donuts Park. "This is a beautiful ballpark and I already love it here."

Schaeffer especially loved the giant coffee cup in left field. There is something so fundamentally unspoiled and irresistibly romantic about minor league baseball that is impossible to ignore. Schaeffer's playing career as an infielder, which peaked at Triple A Colorado Springs, was winding down in 2012. His dad Jim, a Pittsburgh-area artist, always told him, "Do something where you can affect people's lives." The Rockies hired him as a minor league hitting coach.

"My personality lent itself more to managing," Schaeffer said.

There he could affect people's lives. Jerry Weinstein, the septuagenarian marvel who managed the Yard Goats in 2016, is an important mentor of his. What did he tell him about Hartford? "He said it's the best job you can have in this game," Schaeffer said. "Jerry loves everything about this place."

After retiring following the 2009 season, Boone went directly to the broadcast booth with ESPN. His hiring is at once a fantastic leap of faith by the Yankees and de rigueur for MLB 2017 that the job could call

for an accomplished communicator without experience who can work both with analytics-heavy types in the front office type and burgeoning young stars in the clubhouse.

Gone are the days of the grizzled manager with a cigarette dangling from his mouth barking at the media about his players. Managers like A.J. Hinch of the Astros are much more like corporate speakers.

"Aaron Boone is fantastic, love him," said Schaeffer, who hasn't met Boone in person. "Brian Cashman knows what he wants. He knows who the right man for the job is. It's probably Aaron Boone."

"But it's two different things, me and him."

Yet there are similarities. There are the designs on a major league job. Doing all the postseason games on ESPN radio the past four years put Boone in contact with the most competitive parts of a competitive business.

"I have felt this tug, I felt the game calling me," Boone said. "I have found myself the last two years really looking at these games through a manager's lens."

Cynics would say lots of fans at home manage the game from their living room. Yet that would ignore his lifelong connection to the game. Boone's family is three-generation baseball. He talked about going to Veterans Stadium when his dad played for the Phillies. While the other kids ran off to play, he stayed behind home plate locked into the game.

"For as well-rounded as I'd like to think I am," Boone said, "the bottom line is the one thing I know, have lived and am is baseball. In a lot of ways I've done this my entire life."

Schaeffer said he wasn't intimidated by managing at such a young age.

"I've been in baseball a long time," he said. "I develop relationships with players. That's the No. 1 thing. You hear Cashman talk about that with Aaron Boone. You want your players

to gather around you and go out and play the best because the atmosphere is good. That's something that comes natural to me."

As young as the Yankees are, Schaeffer will have younger players than Boone. He said it's tough to discipline kids you don't know. You need to gain their trust.

"And then it doesn't hurt as much," Schaeffer said.

Both men call themselves consistent. They see that as a key. Boone may be a hero to Yankees fans for his Game 7 ALCS home run in 2003, yet he also knows that doesn't mean much to young players.

"I think in short order I'll be able to earn that respect," Boone said. "That they'll be able to look at me, trust in me, know that I have their interest at heart, but know that hopefully I know what the heck I'm talking about."

"Big league players are great at understanding who's for real or not."

Boone talks about seeking a balance between analytics and human elements of the sport. He talks a lot about establishing relationships. He knows he is green in actual game situations, but is confident he will get the mechanics down in short order. He also has a coach like Larry Rothschild to help him.

"I've been a guy who tended toward all the analytics," Boone said. "This is an organization that leans on and relies on analytics. I can't wait to dive in and ingest all the information and get it into the hands of the players. Where the balance comes in is, who wants a ton of information and who do we leave alone? That's the art form in getting the most out of each player. I'm certainly confident in my ability."

He better be. Because 100 miles up the road from Hartford is Boston. Since the Red Sox have won three World Series since 2003, Boone said the fans' ribbing has been more good-natured.

"Now that I'm actually trying to take food off their table," he said, "I'd say it won't be as good-natured."

YANKEES MANAGER

Boone Got Job After Just One Interview

Acknowledges He'll Always Be Known For HR

By **RONALD BLUM**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Boone was pulling into the driveway of his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., last Thursday, bringing 8-year-old daughter Bella home from school so his wife could drive her to a dance lesson, and he noticed a missed call from Brian Cashman.

Boone called back the Yankees general manager as his wife looked on and said Cashman told him: "Hey, just first and foremost, I want to make sure you're completely on board and understanding the commitment level that is now expected of you."

"If that's the case," Boone recalled Cashman saying, "I'm going to recommend to ownership that you're the guy we move forward and focus on."

And with that, at age 44 Boone had secured his first manager or coaching job of any kind since his retirement as a player eight years ago.

Boone was introduced

Wednesday as New York's manager during a news conference at Yankee Stadium, where TVs showed images of him rounding the bases after his 11th-inning home run off Boston's Tim Wakefield won Game 7 of the 2003 ALCS.

"It's certainly something that I'm known for in my baseball life, obviously, and in some way probably is a contributor to me being here today," he said.

Among six candidates for the job, Boone so impressed Cashman and his staff that no second round of interviews was needed.

Boone had worked for ESPN since retiring as a player. He acknowledged one of his first tasks will be to convince his players he can do the job.

"I think in short order I'll be able to earn that respect, that they'll be able to look at me, trust in me, know that I have their interest at heart, but know that hopefully I know what the heck I'm talking about," he said.



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GENERAL MANAGER Brian Cashman, left, says Aaron Boone impressed him instantly, and said he thinks the new manager is a strong fit for New York.

OLYMPICS BAN

Putin Will Let Athletes Compete Independently

By **JAMES ELLINGWORTH**
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin won't boycott the Pyeongchang Olympics.

Putin said Wednesday that his government will allow Russians to compete as neutral athletes at the upcoming games in South Korea.

The International Olympic Committee has banned the Russian team from games as punishment for doping violations at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. The IOC, however, plans to invite individual Russians to compete under the Olympic flag.

"Without any doubt we will not declare any kind of blockade," Putin said in televised remarks after launching his reelection campaign at an automobile factory. "We will not block our Olympians from taking part, if any of them wish to take part as individuals. They have been preparing for these competitions for their whole careers, and for them it's very important."

A Russian boycott would have been the biggest at any Olympics since the Soviet Union and its allies missed the 1984 Los Angeles Games. That itself was in response to the U.S.-led boycott of the Moscow Olympics four years earlier.

Putin also said Russia still did not accept accusations that it ran a state-

backed doping system around the Sochi Olympics. He called the IOC ruling "politically motivated" and unfair "collective punishment."

An IOC commission chaired by former Swiss president Samuel Schmid ruled Tuesday that there was a doping system but said it found no evidence that "the highest state authority" knew. But it said of Yuri Nagornykh, the deputy sports minister at the time of the Sochi Games, "it is impossible to conclude that he was not aware" of doping cover-ups.

Russian athletes, coaches and politicians have lined up to condemn the IOC ruling, but most say it's better to accept it and compete.

Russian IOC member Yelena Isinbayeva, a two-time Olympic gold medalist in the pole vault, came out against a boycott. "I'd like to tell all Russian athletes preparing for the Olympics in Pyeongchang not to get disappointed in any case and definitely not to do anything stupid like a boycott," Isinbayeva told state TV.

She said the IOC choice of "Olympic Athletes from Russia" as the official designation decided the issue for her.

IOC President Thomas Bach said that allowing the country name to remain "was not a compromise, it was just reflecting reality" that it would be Russian athletes taking part.

CELTICS 97, MAVRICKS 90

Irving, Short-Handed Celtics Earn Win



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

CELTICS GUARD Kyrie Irving, drives to the basket against Dallas Mavericks guard Dennis Smith Jr., during the first quarter in Boston Wednesday. Irving scored 23 points as the Celtics defeated the Mavericks 97-90.

Guard Scores 23; Tatum Adds 17

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BOSTON — Kyrie Irving had 23 points and five assists, and Jayson Tatum added 17 points and 10 rebounds to help the short-handed Boston Celtics slip past the Dallas Mavericks 97-90 on Wednesday night.

Boston's Al Horford finished with 17 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. Boston has won four straight and six of their last seven.

The Celtics played without Jaylen Brown and Marcus Morris. Brown sat with an inflamed right eye, while Morris was out due to left knee soreness.

It forced coach Brad Stevens to rely heavily on his reserves. They came through in the fourth, leading a 10-0 run to put Boston back in front 80-73.

Dallas fought back to tie it up at 85. But the Celtics ran off eight straight points to push their lead to 93-85 with 2 minutes to play.

Harrison Barnes led the Mavericks with 19 points and seven rebounds. Dirk Nowitzki added 16 points and six rebounds.

Boston's bench outscored their Dallas counterparts 36-23 for the game.

Dallas had just three turnovers in the opening 24 minutes and led 57-47 at the half.

The Celtics fought through periods of sloppiness offensively, committing seven turnovers in the half. They were also outscored 20-12 in the paint.

Tip-Ins

Mavericks: Were outrebounded 53-45. Were outscored 34-32 in the paint. Celtics: Stevens said both Brown and

Morris are expected to be with team when it departs for three-game trip on Thursday.

Wild Third

The Mavericks took a 59-47 lead earlier in the third quarter. But the Celtics erased the deficit with a 15-2 run. It was part of a fast-moving quarter that saw the lead change hands eight times.

Barnes had 12 points in period for Dallas. Horford paced Boston with 10 points.

Noel Surgery

Coach Rick Carlisle announced before the game that forward Nerlens Noel will have surgery later this week in Cleveland on his injured left thumb.

"He has some kind of a torn ligament, which is effecting his ability to catch the ball," Carlisle said. "He'll be out for several weeks. I don't know for how long."

Noel has appeared in 18 games this season, but hasn't played since Nov. 22.

Dirk's Longevity

Nowitzki hasn't said whether this will be his final NBA season at age 39. He's already tied Kobe Bryant for the most seasons spent with one franchise at 20. Another season would give him the outright record, but Carlisle said he believes it is still an open question.

"I believe it's going to depend on how he's feeling. I don't know any NBA player that wouldn't want to continue playing into oblivion," Carlisle said. "It just depends how he's going to be feeling or where the team's at — those kinds of things. But it's up to him."

UCONN FOOTBALL

Huskies Land Choate Recruit

By MIKE ANTHONY
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Jeremy Lucien, a defensive back from Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, announced Wednesday on Twitter that he has committed to UConn.

The early national signing period is Dec. 20-22, with UConn likely to announce the addition of 20-plus players Dec. 20.

Lucien, listed as 6-foot-2 and 180 pounds by hudl.com, is originally from Bath, Pa.

Of UConn, Lucien wrote on Twitter, "You have welcomed me into your circle and treated me like family. You've shown me that you believe in my ability and potential on the field but more importantly my integrity as a young man and scholar."

Edsall and his staff members remain on the road recruiting and will host recruits this weekend on campus.

Robinson IV To Transfer

John Robinson IV, a junior-to-be defensive back, announced Wednesday that he will leave UConn.

In a Twitter post, Robinson thanked previous coach Bob Diaco for recruiting him and the university as a whole.

"But with that being said, I will be transferring from UConn and continuing my athletic and academic career elsewhere," Robinson wrote.

Robinson, of Englewood, N.J., had nine tackles in 17 games over the past two seasons (just two in five games in 2017).

Robinson was suspended two games (vs. Missouri and South Florida) during the 2017 season after his Oct. 22 arrest on charges of driving under the influence and operating a vehicle while using a cellphone.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Boston	22	4	.846	—	8-2	W-4	12-2	10-2	14-4	
Detroit	14	7	.667	5	4-6	W-4	9-1	6-6	8-8	
Philadelphia	13	10	.565	7½	6-4	L-1	7-5	6-5	6-5	
New York	12	12	.500	9	4-6	W-1	11-5	1-7	6-8	
Brooklyn	9	14	.391	13½	4-6	W-1	4-6	5-8	4-6	
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Washington	13	11	.542	—	4-6	W-1	6-5	7-6	7-5	
Miami	11	13	.458	2	5-5	L-2	5-6	6-7	7-7	
Orlando	11	15	.423	3	3-7	W-1	6-5	5-10	6-9	
Charlotte	9	14	.391	3½	4-6	L-1	8-4	1-10	5-9	
Atlanta	5	19	.208	8	3-7	L-2	2-9	3-10	3-14	
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Cleveland	18	7	.720	—	10-0	W-13	9-4	9-3	14-5	
Detroit	14	10	.583	3½	4-6	L-4	8-1	6-8	7-8	
Milwaukee	13	10	.565	5	6-4	W-1	7-4	6-6	5-7	
Indiana	14	11	.560	4	7-3	W-2	8-4	6-7	10-6	
Chicago	3	20	.130	14	0-10	L-10	2-8	1-12	3-8	
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Houston	18	4	.818	—	9-1	W-7	8-3	10-1	9-2	
San Antonio	17	8	.680	2½	8-2	W-2	12-2	5-6	8-4	
New Orleans	13	12	.520	6½	5-5	W-1	6-6	7-6	9-9	
Memphis	9	16	.359	11	7-3	L-1	5-8	2-8	8-9	
Dallas	7	18	.280	12½	5-5	L-1	5-10	2-8	5-12	
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Minnesota*	14	11	.560	—	4-6	L-1	8-4	6-7	11-5	
Portland	13	11	.542	½	5-5	L-3	7-7	6-4	8-5	
Denver	13	11	.542	½	5-5	L-2	10-2	3-9	6-8	
Utah	13	12	.520	1	7-3	L-1	11-4	2-8	8-6	
Oklahoma City	11	12	.478	2	5-5	W-3	9-3	2-9	6-9	
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Golden State	20	6	.769	—	8-2	W-5	12-3	9-4		
L.A. Clippers*	8	14	.364	10	3-7	L-3	4-6	4-8	7-8	
L.A. Lakers	8	15	.348	10½	3-7	L-5	6-7	2-8	4-10	
Phoenix	9	17	.346	11	4-6	L-1	4-9	5-8	4-9	
Sacramento	7	17	.292	12	4-6	L-2	4-6	3-11	5-7	

*late game not included

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

CLEVELAND 101, Sacramento 95	Dallas at Milwaukee, 8
INDIANA 98, Chicago 96	Sacramento at New Orleans, 8
ORLANDO 110, Atlanta 106 (OT)	Toronto at Memphis, 8
BOSTON 97, Dallas 90	Boston at San Antonio, 9:30
NEW YORK 99, Memphis 88	
Golden State 101, CHARLOTTE 87	
MILWAUKEE 104, Detroit 100	
NEW ORLEANS 123, Denver 114	
SAN ANTONIO 117, Miami 105	
Minnesota	
at L.A. Clippers, late	
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 8	
Washington at Phoenix, 9	
Oklahoma City vs. Brooklyn at Mexico City Arena, 10	
Houston at Utah, 10:30	
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Chicago at Charlotte, 7	
Cleveland at Indiana, 7	
Denver at Orlando, 7	
Golden State at Detroit, 7	
Dallas at Milwaukee, 8	
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8	
Toronto at Memphis, 8	
Boston at San Antonio, 9:30	

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Washington at L.A. Clippers, 3:30	
Miami vs. Brooklyn at Mexico City, 5	
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7	
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30	
New York at Chicago, 8	
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 8	
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30	
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 9	
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9	
Horn at Portland, 10	
TUESDAY'S RESULTS	
TORONTO 126, Phoenix 113	
OKLAHOMA CITY 100, Utah 94	
Washington 106, PORTLAND 92	
home team in caps	

LEADERS

SCORING	FT PTS AVG
Harden, HOU	174 69831.7
Antnmpo, MIL	154 62729.9
James, CLE	102 67328.0
Curry, GOL	139 60626.3
Porzingis, NYK	111 49025.7
Lillard, POR	163 61725.7
Cousins, NOR	132 60725.3
Davis, NOR	130 53025.2
Durant, GOL	79 49224.6
Booker, PHX	120 60824.3
Griffin, LAC	107 44823.6
Irving, BOS	97 56523.5
Beal, WAS	107 56023.3
DeRozan, TOR	128 51223.3
Oladipo, IND	90 53123.1
Embiid, PHL	123 46023.0
Aldridge, SAN	107 52422.8
through Tuesday	

Thomas plays 4-on-4 in Cavs practice

Cavaliers All-Star point guard Isaiah Thomas played 4-on-4 on Wednesday, a significant step in his recovery from a hip injury.

Thomas, who has yet to play a game for the Cavs, scrimmaged along with injured forward Tristan Thompson, rookies Cedi Osman and Ante Zizic and members of the coaching staff.

Coach Tyronn Lue didn't provide any update on when Thomas might play in a game.

■ **Hornets coach Steve Clifford** will be away from the team for an undisclosed period of time to deal with a health issue. ... **Suns G Devin Booker** is expected to be sidelined two to three weeks because of a groin injury. ... Mavericks coach **Rick Carlisle** said **F Nerlens Noel** will have surgery for a torn ligament in his left thumb. ... **Nets G Allen Crabbe** was fined \$15,000 for throwing a ball at the shot clock Monday night. ... **Grizzlies C Marc Gasol** was fined \$15,000 by the for using a profanity during a live television interview. **AP**

CAVALIERS 101, KINGS 95

SAC	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL	REB	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL
Temple	2-7	0-1	5	James	12-18	3-6	32
Randolph	8-20	0-0	18	Crowder	2-6	0-0	4
Sampson	3-6	0-0	6	Love	7-16	3-18	18
Fox	3-6	0-1	6	Calderon	0-4	0-0	0
Hill	4-10	0-0	10	New York	2-7	0-0	6
Kouros	4-7	0-0	4	Osman	0-1	0-0	0
Mason	4-6	6-10	15	Green	6-8	4-4	17
Carter	2-3	0-0	3	Frye	2-4	0-0	5
Bogdanovic	2-8	0-0	5	Korver	5-9	1-2	15
Stipanovich	7-13	1-1	4	Wright	1-5	0-6	4
Totals	39-86	7-13	101	Totals	37-81	21-21	95

Sacramento	22	35	21	17	—	95
Cleveland	19	29	25	28	—	101
3-pointers:	Sacramento 10-32	(Randolph 2-3, Hill 2-6, Hield 2-6),	Cleveland 14-39	(James 5-8, Korver 4-8, Smith 2-6, Green 1-1, Frye 1-3).		
Rebs:	Sacramento 45	(Sampson 16),	Cleveland 40	(Hill 13),	Assts:	Sacramento 25
6),	Cleveland 28	(James 9),	Fouls:	Sacramento 20,	Cleveland 10.	Technical:
Smith:	A:	16,167.				

MAGIC 110, HAWKS 106 (OT)

ATL	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL	REB	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL
Prince	6-8	4-5	19	Simmons	7-17	0-0	15
Ilyasova	4-10	0-0	9	Gordon	9-15	6-9	24
Plumlee	4-6	0-0	8	Vucevic	9-19	2-2	22
Schroder	10-26	5-6	26	Payton	3-11	0-0	6
Bazemore	1-9	2-2	4	Fournr	12-21	1-3	27
Bembry	3-6	1-2	8	Iwundu	0-2	0-0	0
Babbitt	1-2	0-0	3	Speights	0-0	0-0	0
Cavangh	5-10	1-2	13	Blyombo	1-2	1-2	3
Taylor	2-4	0-0	9	Austin	3-6	2-2	4
Belinelli	4-12	2-2	12	Mack	0-2	0-0	0
Afflalo	2-3	0-0	4				
Totals	40-93	15-20	106	Totals	46-98	12-18	110

Orlando	31	13	30	22 14 — 110
3-pointers: Atlanta 11-27 (Prince 3-5, Cavanaugh 2-4, Belinelli 2-7), Orlando 6-28 (Fournier 2-3, Vucevic 2-7, Augustin 1-2, Simmons 1-5).				
Rebs: Atlanta 49 (Belinelli, Ilyasova 7), Orlando 52 (Vucevic 16). Assts: Atlanta 25 (Bazemore, Schroder 7), Orlando 17 (Payton 6). A: 16,167.				

KNICKS 99, GRIZZLIES 88

MEM	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL	REB	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL
Brooks	0-2	0-0	0	Porzingis	8-19	0-0	18
Green	2-7	0-0	6	Thomas	2-2	3-3	8
Gasol	5-12	6-7	17	Kanter	4-10	4-4	12
Evans	4-13	4-5	15	Jack	3-5	4-6	10
McLemre	1-2	0-0	2	Lee	10-17	0-0	24
Ennis III	2-3	2-2	6	McDermitt	2-4	0-0	5
Parsons	5-9	0-0	13	Dotson	0-0	0-0	0
Martin	4-6	0-0	9	Beasley	5-7	3-4	14
Davis	0-1	0-0	0	O'Quinn	0-0	0-2	0
Harrison	1-6	3-4	5	Ntilikina	1-3	6-8	8
Chalmers	5-9	3-4	14				
Totals	29-70	18-22	88	Totals	35-67	20-27	99

New York	23	26	27	23 — 99
3-pointers: Memphis 12-28 (Evans 3-7, Parsons 3-7, Green 2-3), New York 9-14 (Lee 4-6, Porzingis 2-3). Rebs: Memphis 27 (Gasol 8), New York 42 (Kanter 12). Asts: Memphis 14, New York 22 (Jack 10). Fouls: Memphis 24, New York 21. Technical: Jack, Porzingis. A: 19,812.				

BUCKS 104, PISTONS 100

DET	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL	REB	FG-A	FTA-PT	CL
Johnson	0-8	2-2	2	Middleton	1-10	5-5	21
Harris	8-14	1-1	21	Antkpo	8-16	8-12	25
Drmond	12-15	3-8	27	Enson	5-8	0-0	10
Jackson	5-14	3-4	14	Bledsoe	9-21	2-5	22
Bradley	5-13	7-8	20	Snell	1-3	0-0	3
Tolliver	1-8	0-0	3	Maker	0-2	0-0	0
Morland	1-2	1-2	3	Brogdon	5-10	0-0	10
Smith	2-5	0-0	4	Liggins	1-3	0-0	2
Kennard	2-7	1-2	6	Vaughn	3-6	3-4	11
Totals	36-61	18-27		Totals	39-79	18-26	
Detroit				27	24	25	100
Milwaukee				30	30	16	28-104

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COACH'S CORNER

CALHOUN GIVES BACK

JIM CALHOUN shares a laugh with Jorgeis Vilorio Rivera, who displays his Auburn shirt, as Calhoun signs autographed photos Wednesday evening at the Pope Park Community Center in Hartford. Calhoun continues his long tradition of giving out turkey dinners and all the fixings to needy families in the Hartford area. A few former Huskies who played for the legendary UConn coach also helped hand out the food. Story on **Page C2**



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AAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Conf.	Overall
	W-L	PCT. W-L PCT.
Cincinnati	0-0 .000	7-1 .875
Wichita State	0-0 .000	7-1 .875
Houston	0-0 .000	7-1 .875
Tulane	0-0 .000	7-2 .778
Memphis	0-0 .000	5-2 .714
Temple	0-0 .000	5-2 .714
SMU	0-0 .000	7-3 .700
UConn	0-0 .000	6-3 .667
UCF	0-0 .000	5-3 .625
East Carolina	0-0 .000	5-3 .667
Tulsa	0-0 .000	4-5 .444
USF	0-0 .000	4-5 .444

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 88, Fairfield 66
Tulane 95, Southern 76
Temple 59, Wisconsin 55

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UConn	0-0 .000	7-0 1.000
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Temple	0-0 .000	6-2 .750
Cincinnati	0-0 .000	6-3 .667
East Carolina	0-0 .000	5-4 .556
Tulane	0-0 .000	5-4 .556
UCF	0-0 .000	4-4 .500
SMU	0-0 .000	4-5 .444
Tulsa	0-0 .000	4-5 .444
Wichita State	0-0 .000	2-7 .222
Memphis	0-0 .000	1-8 .111

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hampton at Temple, 7 p.m.
Wichita State at Missouri State, 8 p.m.

STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S

DePAUL 85, CENTRAL 57
CENTRAL (5-4): Jones 4-10 2-210, Butz 4-5 1-19, Kohl 2-9 2-27, Bowles 3-5 0-7, Nehls 2-8 0-6, Kay 0-3 0-0, Hicks 3-5 0-7, Hugley 4-8 0-0 11, Marshall Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Lane 0-2 0-0, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 22-59 5-57.
DePAUL (4-4): McCallum 5-12 3-313, Maric 5-7 3-413, Strus 3-11 0-6, Cain 7-14 0-17, Gage 0-0 0-0, Butz 5-8 0-210, Reed 0-1 0-0, Ryckbosch 1-0 0-2, Dwumaaah 0-0 2-2, Cyrus 5-7 4-5 16, Roberts 3-9 0-6 16, Totals 34-71 12-65.

C	23	34	—	57
D	39	46	—	85

HOUSTON 88, FAIRFIELD 66

FAIRFIELD (3-5): Nelson 6-13 3-3 17, Cruz 6-11 1-3 16, Segura 5-8 1-11, Milin 4-9 0-3, Flavors 0-6 0-5, Peterson 0-2 3-4 3, El-Sheikh 1-4 1-3 3, Kasibabu 1-10 0-2, Benning 0-2 0-0 0, Methnani 0-5 0-0 0, Nolan 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 25-61 9-14 66.

Houston (7-4): Gray 7-10 4-5 20, C. Davis 5-7 1-1 16, D. Davis 4-9 3-4 11, Brady 5-8 0-0 10, Vanbeck 3-3 1-1 10, White 3-8 2-3 8, Robinson 3-7 0-0 7, Zanna 1-1 2-3 4, Harris 1-1 0-0 2, Brooks 0-2 0-2 0, Grant 0-2 0-0 0, Adewunmi 0-0 0-0 0, Sangoyomi 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 32-58 13-19 88.

F	26	40	—	66
H	41	47	—	88

WESLEYAN 83, VASSAR 68

WESLEYAN (7-0): Bascom 6-8 0-0 12, Krill 4-8 2-2 10, Hutcherson 5-11 0-0 14, Bonner 9-15 0-0 21, O'Brien 2-4 2-2 6, Walker 3-8 2-3 10, McDonald 0-1 0-0 0, Sears 1-10 0-2, Wilson 1-2 0-2, Lundevall 0-1 0-0 0, Alberding 0-0 0-0 0, Dixon 1-1 0-0 2, James 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 34-62 6-7 83.

Vassar (0-7): Bromfield 3-9 0-0 6, Grinde 6-11 2-5 15, Browne 6-15 4-4 19, Murray 3-6 0-0 6, Gettings 4-11 1-2 12, Kappes 1-1 0-0 3, Durham 0-0 0-0 0, Caletti 1-2 0-0 3, Brownridge 1-3 0-0 2, Tebay 0-1 0-0 0, Gallivan 0-0 0-0 0, Palecki 0-1 2-2 2, Dyslin 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 25-60 9-13 68.

W	38	45	—	83
V	28	40	—	68

YALE 86, LEHIGH 77

YALE (6-5): Atkinson 4-7 0-18, Reynolds 6-9 4-4 17, Monroe 0-2 0-0 0, Copeland 9-13 4-5 25, Swain 1-5 3-4 5, Yates 1-4 2-2 5, Phillips 1-3 0-2 2, Alausa 1-2 1-2 3, Oni 7-11 3-3 21, Yess 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 30-56 17-23 86.

Lehigh (4-5): Andree 3-7 0-0 9, Karnik 5-7 4-8 14, Ross 7-14 3-19, Leufroy 3-8 3-9, Tejada 2-7 0-6, Bennett 0-4 2-2 2, Porter 2-4 0-4, Cohen 4-8 6-6 14, Wilson 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 25-60 18-22 77.

Y	40	46	—	86
L	42	35	—	77

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HARTFORD 68, CENTRAL 52

CENTRAL (0-8): Lydon 3-13 2-29, Jacobs 0-2 3-4, Patterson 1-7 7-7 10, McCamus 1-4 2-2 4, Johnson 4-7 1-2 13, Goode 0-4 0-2 0, Hines 1-2 0-3, Forker 2-3 1-5, Chin 0-0 0-0 0, Gardener 0-2 1-2 1, Slickiein 0-1 0-0 0, Berube 2-4 0-4, Totals 14-49 17-22 52.

Hartford (6-4): Lee 7-14 1-15, Harrison 8-12 2-2 19, DeCosta 2-1 4 5, Abed 1-8 2-4 4, Douglass 1-3 0-0 0, Lucas 0-1 0-0 0, Young 2-9 1-2 5, Pattison 2-2 1-2 5, Dobrzynski 0-0 0-0 0, Douglass 5-9 0-2 12, Totals 28-67 8-17 68.

2-2 19, DaCosta 2-9 1-4 5, Abed 1-8 2-4 4
Douglass 1-3 0-0 3, Lucas 0-1 0-0 0, Young 2-9
1-2 5, Pattison 2-2 1-2 5, Dobrzynski 0-0 0-0 0
Douglas 5-9 0-2 12, Totals 28-67 8-17 68.

MANHATTANVILLE 70, WESLEYAN 65

MANHATTANVILLE (7-3): Darnell 4-7 3-3 11, McGuire 5-12 5-8 15, Jones 5-10 9-10 19, Coutu 3-15 1-2 9, Elting 0-3 0-0 0, Shore 1-4 2-2 4, Milazzo 2-0 0-0 0, Tomassi 0-0 0-0 0, Nichols-Larosa 0-0 0-0 0, Cabaro 1-2 6-18, Pemberton 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 21-57 26-39 70.

Wesleyan (5-2): Berger 4-11 2-2 10, Bledsoe 1-4 1-2 3, Gorman 3-11 0-1 6, Matthews 2-7 1-2 5, Vitale 0-5 7-4 14, Bailey 0-6 4-3, Roush 3-5 4-4 11, Tompkins 2-7 1-2 5, Scarth 4-5 0-0 8, Totals 22-61 19-25 65.

Milazzo 0-2 0-0 0, Tomassi 0-0 0-0 0, Nichols-
Larosa 0-0 0-0 0, Caballero 1-2 6-14 8, Pember-
ton 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 21-57 26-39 70.

WESLEYAN (5-2): Berner 4-11 2-2 10, Bledsoe

YALE 77, STONY BROOK 71 (207)

YALE (5-3): Gorman 1-4 0-2, Berkowitz 7-14 10-14 26, Andrews 4-5 2-21, Barahnam 8-15 10-17, Simpson 6-15 1-2 5, Nelson 0-1 0-0 0, Santucci 0-6 0-0 0, Cade 1-1 1-2 3, Maund 1-3 1-2 3, Davies 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-64 15-23.

STONY BROOK (5-3): Clark 4-14 4-9 12, Pagan 4-7 0-0 8, Matthews 4-13 5-8 16, Johnson 4-11 2-2 13, Worley 5-9 3-13, Gouchie-Provencher 3-4 1-2 3, Perez 2-3 0-1 0, Fushie 1-4 0-0 2, Zeise 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 25-65 15-24 71.

Y	13112410811	—	77
S	121711818	5	71

NFC NPIAC 62, PROVIDENCE 36

PROVIDENCE (6-4): Franklin 7-9 0-1 14, Nogie 1-10 0-6, Jolin 2-9 0-0 0, Cooper 4-5 0-0 8, Che 1-6 0-0 2, Williams 1-6 0-0 2, Botteggi 4-0 0-0 0, Orlando 0-0 0-0 0, Spivak 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 17-53 0-1 36.

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P	8	10	9	9	—	36
Q	17	17	19	9	—	62

BROWN 102, SACRED HEART 77
SACRED HEART (3-8): Dabney 1-6 0-0 3, Silletti 8-1 2-11, Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 2-3 0-0 0, Leatherwood 1-8 8-10 10, Guerra 0-0 0-0 0, Murphy 1-3 0-0 2, McCray 0-2 2-22, Hagood 2-3 4-9, Ye 0-0 0-0 0, Kanguide 1-4 1-2 1, Totals 26-57 12-17.

Brown (8-1): Steeves 12-23 1-1 31, White 1-7 1-3 3, Gazziano 7-11 1-17, Will 7-18 3-419, Mehta 9-14 2-2 25, Reilly 1-3 0-0 2, Clausen 0-1 0-0 0, Richardson 2-0 0-0 0, Butler 1-1 1-2 1, Ryan 0-0 0-0 0, Benzinger 1-3 0-2 2, El-Gamral 0-0 0-0 0, Green 1-0 0-2 2, Totals 39-19 15-102.

SH	27	16	19	15	—	77
B	13	25	32	32	—	102

VILLANOVA 73, FAIRFIELD 44

VILLANOVA (8-0): Hahn 8-12 0-21, Jekot 3-7 0-1 7, Louin 3-8 0-0 0, Quinn 1-6 1-1 3, Tucker 4-0 0-0 3, Brld, Herlihy 7-10 1-1 9, Gedaka 3-4 1-7 7, Stant 2-5 0-0 5, Beria, Herlihy 1-1 0-0 2, Onken 0-1 0-0 0, James 0-1 0-0 0, Lange 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 29-59 4-4 73.

FAIRFIELD (3-6): Kramer 5-11 0-0 11, Cooper 3-19 0-47, Diouf 2-14 2-26, Foley 1-5 0-0 3, Landy 1-6 0-0 2, Lewis 2-4 0-0 5, Hollenshead 2-3 0-4, McLaughlin 2-5 0-0 4, Schlosser 1-5 0-0 2, Nibelnick 0-2 0-0 2, Totals 19-74 2-2 65.

V	16	21	18	18	—	73
F	15	12	4	13	—	44

SMITH 81, COAST GUARD 51

SMITH (3-4): Martinelli 5-14 5-5 19, Wood 1-2 5-6 7, Riis-Fallica 2-6 0-0 4, Bray 4-8 1-212, Moolenaar 1-4 0-22, Faraabough 1-0 0-0, Everson 0-0 0-0 0, Klavinski 0-1 0-0 0, Irish 2-3 0-0 4, O'Brien 0-0 0-0 0, Gerton 0-6 2-4 2, Farrington 0-3 0-0 0, Joyner 0-1 1-2 1, Totals 15-49 14-21 51.

Coast Guard (3-1): Imani Marcus 6-15, Georgia Garbowski 6-15, Bella Litt 1-0 3, Kelly Van Hoosen 1-0 2, Hannah Kozdeba 0-0 0, Totals 14-33 35.

W	18	20	—	38
GF	12	23	—	35

ETHEL WALKER 50, MILLBROOK 26

ETHEL WALKER (3-1): Imani Baptiste 2-0 4, Jolly Frigo 1-0 2, Reagan Kerec 3-0 7, Kristen Emery 4-1 9, Hannah Iwaszkiewicz 7-2 16, Nora Griffiths 4-19, Sophie Gregorakis 10-3, Totals 22 450.

MILLBROOK (0-2): Daniela Muscari 1-1 3, India Patterson 0-2 2, Lillie Marcos 3-0 6, Helene Apollon 5-15, Lizzie Chamberlin 0-0 0, Totals 9 826.

W	18	20	—	38
GF	12	23	—	35

HIGH SCHOOL BOX SCORES, SUMMARIES

BOYS BASKETBALL
WOOSTER 69, MASTER'S 52
MASTER'S (1-3): Matt Houde 4 1 12, Matt Walker 2-3 7, Ethan Oates 10-3, Joe Markelon 10 2, Ferguson 2-0 5, Johnson Jr. 5-15, Shelansky 2 0-5, Sabia 1-0 3, Totals 18 57.

WOOSTER (3-0): Torres 6 2 17, Carone 5 4 16, McCaillan 6 1-14, Fullton 5 11 2, Barnes 1 4 6, Castigan 1-0 2, Gephart 1-0 2, Totals 25 12 69.

W	23	46	—	69
M	45	30	—	52

MACDUFFIE 79, CHESHIRE ACADEMY 75

MACDUFFIE (2-0): Pettway 4-6 15, Bouknight 4 12, Massoud 8 5-26, Tate 5 3 14, Springs 3 18, Kepany 1 0 2, Lee 1 0 2, Totals 26 19 79.

CHESHIRE ACADEMY (2-2): Justin Allen 3 2 8, Kevin Buckley 6 1-13, Will Ellis 5 3 14, John Kelly 2 0-6, T. Rountree 5 4-28, Cam Underwood 1 3-5, Jamaal Walters 1 0-2, Marco Barosi 1 0-2, Aaron Burt 0-4-4, Evan Goldberg 1 1-3, Totals 25 18 75.

M	35	44	—	79
CA	45	30	—	75

GIRLS BASKETBALL

WESTMINSTER 38, GREENS FARMS 35
WESTMINSTER (1-0): Paige Phillips 9 1 20, Emma Alpaugh 5 0 10, Bethany Winters 2 0 4, Mackenzie Roller 1 0 2, Ridgely Green 1 0 3, Totals 18 38.

GREENS FARMS (2-2): Katherine Marcus 6 215, Georgia Garbowski 6 15, Bella Litt 1 0 3, Kelly Van Hoosen 1 0 2, Hannah Kozdeba 0 0 0, Totals 14 33 35.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Beatris Santos, mother of children born on 12/5/00, 5/6/04 and 7/1/09 to fathers: Barry Williams, Lonnie Boyd, and Johnny Vega of parts unknown.

A petition has been filed seeking:

Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: **12/7/17 at 2:00PM at 920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106**

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the **Hartford Courant**, a newspaper having circulation in the town/city of: **Hartford, CT**.

Hon. M. Dannehy – Judge
Signed: C. Wilson – Asst. Clerk
Signed: 12/4/17

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is to be held.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT INVITATION TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO PRE-QUALIFY TO OFFER PROPOSALS FOR ALUMNI QUAD SHOWER RENOVATIONS BELDEN & WATSON HALLS STORRS CAMPUS PROJECT NUMBER: 300048

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD RETURN DATE: DECEMBER 26, 2017 DOCKET NO. HHD-CV17-6083832-S STEVEN GROSSMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ENVELOPE REALTY TRUST VS. THE CITY OF HARTFORD AND 3580 MAIN ST LLC AND THE WIDOW, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE L. BIDWELL AND THE WIDOWER, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ELVA A. SIMPSON, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS, CLAIMING OR WHO MAY CLAIM, ANY RIGHTS, TITLE, INTEREST OR ESTATE IN OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS COMPLAINT, ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIM BE VESTED OR CONTINGENT. The Plaintiff has named as a Defendant, THE WIDOWER, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE L. BIDWILL AND THE WIDOW, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ELVA A. SIMPSON, and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title, interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in this Complaint, adverse to the Plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent, if not living, as a party defendant(s) in the complaint which it is bringing to the above-named Court seeking a quit title action upon premises known as 50' x 145' STRIP OF LAND BETWEEN 35 SUNSET STREET, HARTFORD, CT AND 10-20 MIDLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CT. The Plaintiff has represented to the said Court, by means of an affidavit annexed to the Complaint, that despite all reasonable efforts to ascertain such information, it has been unable to determine the identity and/or whereabouts of the WIDOWER, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE L. BIDWILL AND THE WIDOW, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ELVA A. SIMPSON, and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title, interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in this Complaint, adverse to the Plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent, if not living. Now, therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that notice of the institution of this action be given to said THE WIDOWER, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE L. BIDWILL AND THE WIDOW, HEIRS and/or CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ELVA A. SIMPSON and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title, interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in this Complaint, adverse to the Plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent, if not living. Now, therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that notice of this Court of Notice to be published in THE HARTFORD COURANT, once a week for 2 successive weeks, commencing on or before December 7, 2017, and that return of such service be made to this Court, BY THE COURT By: /s/ SUSAN QUINN COBB A TRUE COPY ATTEST: /s/ ALEX J. RODRIGUEZ CONNECTICUT STATE MARSHAL

STATE OF CONNECTICUT JUVENILE MATTERS
NOTICE TO: DAVID FORREST
Judicial District of New Haven
Taylor Real Estate vs. David Forrest
Docket No. NNH-CV18-6006158-S

Pursuant to an Order of the Court, the Plaintiff in the above titled action hereby provides notice to the defendant, David Forrest, of this Summary Process Action concerning 73 West Wharf Road, 2nd Floor and Storage Shed, Madison, CT 06443. The Plaintiff seeks a judgment of possession concerning said premises.

The Plaintiff further provides notice that failure of the defendant to respond to said action by filing an appearance with the Superior Court for the Judicial District of New Haven on or before January 9, 2018 may result in a judgment of possession for the Plaintiff.

PLAINTIFF, By The Law Offices of Michael Iacurci, its Attorney, 70 Wall Street, Madison, CT 06443. 203-245-2400. Juris No. 419094.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT JUVENILE MATTERS ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to John Doe father of the child born on 12/30/15, to Lachelle E. of parts unknown.

A petition has been filed seeking:

Termination of parental rights of the above named in minor child(ren).

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: **12/12/17 at 2:00PM at 920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106**

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Hon. M. Dannehy – Judge
Signed: C. Wilson – Asst. Clerk
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HANUKKAH

Remembering Judith And The First Latkes

Cheese Pastries Originally Honored A Hero At The Hanukkah Table

By PEGGY WOLFF
Chicago Tribune

At the culinary heart of Hanukkah (which begins at sundown Dec. 12) are foods fried in oil to commemorate the triumph of the Maccabees, who won back their sacred temple, and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days.

But there's another Hanukkah story, not as well-known, that shifts the culinary narrative to a brave woman and her killer cheese. This story from the Book of Judith explains why dairy makes it onto the holiday table.

According to "The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible," the Assyrian leader Nebuchadnezzar sent one of his generals, Holofernes, to destroy the Jews of Bethulia, a town that commanded access

to the road to Jerusalem. The plan was to seize the spring at the foot of the mountain, so the Jews would be deprived of their water supply.

When the cisterns in the town were empty, the people began to lose heart. It seemed better to live as slaves than to die in vain. One woman in town, a beautiful widow named Judith, had another plan.

She left Bethulia, dressed in festival garments to entice any man she might meet, and equipped with wine and food. The Assyrian guards — entranced by Judith's looks — opened the gates of the city and escorted her up the hill to the enemy camp.

Pleased by her appearance, her beauty and her wit, Holofernes invited Judith to a banquet in his tent. When his officers left him alone with her, the general was so charmed by her that he ate the salty cheese cakes she had prepared, then quenched his

thirst with her wine. More cheese cakes, much more wine. Until he fell drunkenly asleep.

And then, Judith pulled out his sword, and cut off his head.

She left the camp without arousing suspicion, her maid carrying the head in a bag. When the army saw their general's head, they panicked and fled.

Because Judith saved the Jews from a death order, many Jews honor her by eating cheese and dairy dishes: rugelach, blintzes, cheesecake, cheese latkes, even sour cream on potato latkes.

"We used to have a cake that was made out of cheese, like a fried-cheese-type thing," says chef Laura Frankel, culinary director for Kosher Media International. Until the fried cheese tradition made it to Northern and Eastern Europe where they

fried things in schmaltz (animal fat).

"Obviously, with kosher rules," Frankel explained, "you can't fry anything with cheese in schmaltz." Mixing dairy and meat is banned in Jewish dietary laws. "So they changed the cheese out for potatoes. It was something people ate a lot of, they were filling, they were plentiful."

This brings us to a shocking revelation. Though the original latkes were cheese latkes, the Ashkenazic Jews (who brought the latke to America) subbed potatoes.

And thus was born the latke that we all love today.

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By LEEANNE GRIFFIN
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Smart Drinking During Holiday Season



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It's party season, friends. Calories count, so count your calories. Actually, don't count every calorie unless you have a serious weight problem. In that case, it's probably a good idea to count them all. For everyone else, at holiday get-together time, vigilant calorie-counting is the death of fun. A general awareness, though — that's just smart partying. We'll get to wine calories soon enough here — because you're going to be drinking some wine this month — but first let's address your attitude going into this glorious party season. We know what happens. You eat and drink fairly sensibly most of the year, and then you take your eye off the prize for a few weeks and, as the saying goes, the wheels fall off the truck. I can think of two approaches here, and the first one is: Go at it with your mind. Develop a strategy. Give up a few things here and there outside of the party sphere. Reining yourself in at a party is a lot more confining than reining yourself in at lunch during a busy workday. You won't even remember the healthy salad and extra 16 ounces of water you consumed on an anonymous Tuesday — but the memories of the wine and fellowship you shared at a holiday party might stick with you for years. Don't think of your prepping as "dieting" so much as "training." Deprive yourself where indulgence vs. discipline is not that big of a divide (i.e., in the routine days leading up to your parties),



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YOU DON'T want to count calories every time you go to a party, but you can employ some smart strategies for enjoying wine while celebrating the season.

and it will make those celebratory sips feel earned and all the more satisfying. The recommended normal consumption of wine is two glasses a day for men, and one glass for women. Fine. But come on, now, we're talking about a party — you're just getting started at two glasses. Just keep reminding yourself that it is indeed a party and not a Roman orgy, and maybe you don't need a second dessert to go with your glass of tawny port. Maybe the wine is enough. Ask yourself what you would rather have, if the calories matched up: a couple of scoops of buffalo chicken-blue cheese dip or an extra glass of pinot noir? As someone told you when you were a child, life is all about choices. Don't give up everything — just some things. It's hard, I

know. I'm not suggesting that trading a few meat lover's subs for salads will transform your body. I'm just encouraging you to get your mind in the right space as the holiday season approaches. Put some calories in the bank, via self-deprivation, and then when the time comes to enjoy yourself, don't sweat every delicious wine calorie. This brings us to the second approach: Go at it with your gut. Tell yourself that it's a party, and it's the holidays, and you're seeing old friends and family, and life is short. Maybe you don't hold back as much on the things you like: the dips, the desserts. Maybe you live in the moment and then ready yourself for the reckoning. Promise yourself — really promise — that you'll do damage-control

when the season comes to an end, either through reduced calorie intake or increased exercise. It's hard, I'll say it again. But we do it for the wine, friends. As someone also told you when you were a child, everything worth doing takes effort. Both approaches reassure your commitment to enjoying wine not only in your daily life but also on special occasions like holiday parties. There's a distinction there. It's not just about "having" wine on a special occasion — it's about really enjoying it and maybe allowing yourself to enjoy a little more of it. You could call this the Live And Let Live approach. The Now or Never approach. The Get Up and Do Something About It if You Gain a Few Pounds approach. OK, now, there's nothing wrong

with knowing what you're getting into — what you're up against. So here are a few tips on weight-smart wine consuming. No matter which approach you take — relying on your head or your gut — consider that wine calories come from alcohol content. The higher the alcohol percentage, the more calories you're ingesting. Obviously, serving-size matters too. A standard 5-ounce pour of dry table wine, either red or white, at about 12 percent alcohol, is going to come in at around 125 calories, give or take. A dessert wine could be double that, but not necessarily because it's sweet, although that does play in a little bit. The higher calories in many dessert wines come from their higher alcohol content (some hovering around 20 percent). Then again, we usually pour smaller portions of those wines, so at 2 ounces, your glass of port would be close in calories to your 5-ounce glass of red or white. Generally, warmer climates produce higher-alcohol wines, and New World wines are more potent than their Old World counterparts. Those are just guidelines, not guarantees by any means. You've probably already decided that your approach is going to take cues from both your head and your gut. I like that. I like feeling out a situation and not letting either extreme win the night. It's party season. Let it flow, but not just for the sake of letting it flow. We drink wine all year long. If we're going to do it right during party season, let's really do it. Let's try something new or arrive with a special bottle to share. And when it comes time to make those choices, look around, do the math and remind yourself, as I often do, of the wisdom my brother-in-law The Dinger used to love to impart (even if Oscar Wilde or someone before him said it first): "Everything in moderation, including moderation."

ASK AMY

Mom: Don't Post Her Kids' Photos

DEAR AMY: What is the etiquette on taking photos of other people's children and posting them on social media? I am the mother of two small children. The first time I encountered this issue was when my oldest was 2 and my youngest was a few months old. We attended a family function and a guest at the party took pictures of me and my children. He proudly showed me the images and told me that he had posted them on his Facebook account. I kindly told him to please remove the images off his account. I was shocked by his reaction; he became upset and made a huge scene at the party, but I did not back down (and my husband stood by me). I have experienced versions of this since then. My social media accounts are all private. I feel that my job as a parent is to protect my children, and that includes their social media footprint. I do not post many photos of my children and I would never post a picture of someone else's child without the parents' permission. I go as far as to ask the parent if it's OK to take a picture of their child and then inform them that I will NOT be sharing them on social



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media. I know that it will get harder for me to control this once they are involved in sports and activities where group pictures are taken or where my children happen to be in the background, but their faces are very clear. Am I wrong in thinking a person should ask the parents' permission before sharing the images online? Do parents feel that since their child is in the picture, too, it's OK to share? I cannot imagine I am the only parent that feels like this. How do other parents handle this? — WONDERING MOM DEAR WONDERING: The etiquette, which is also good old-fashioned common sense, is to always respect parents' concerns regarding their own children. Your practice of maintaining privacy and control of your children's images is what all good and thoughtful parents should do. Your habit of always asking if you can take a picture, and then assuring parents that you won't post it on social media, is wise, sound and respectful. Other parents should not post photos with your children in them without asking you. They also should not tag your kids' names in photos. If someone else doesn't like this, then they should be reminded that they are not raising these children — you are. Stand your ground. ► Send questions via email to askamy@amydickinson.com or postal to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.

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By JERALDINE SAUNDERS Tribune Content Agency ARIES (March 21-April 19): You might be happy to go barefoot when someone charms your socks off. You may meet people who are agreeable and pleasant. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sweet dreams are made of this. Every word that falls from your lips is sure to be penetratingly persuasive and attention-grabbing. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is nothing fishy about someone you meet who seems happy as a clam. You can trust the person who turns up on your doorstep to honor promises. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Display your best side to ride out the changing tides. You intuitively say the right thing when meeting new friends or business associates. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hold your head high and keep your standards even higher. You could be shrewder than usual when dealing with financial matters and business tactics. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might only

be young once. But no matter how old you are you may have a chance to be innocent and playful. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Anticipate the needs of others. There might be a way to provide a valuable service that adds extra pennies to your piggy bank. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The zoo is you. You may be a tiger at business negotiations or the cat's pajamas in social situations. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a good day to be precise about the length of a cuff or the height to hang a picture. Loved ones might be fascinated by your nerdish side. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Speak your mind and the audience will be kind. Whatever words you utter will fall on receptive ears. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Examine a problem from a different angle. Someone might offer an inspirational message that offers a way to achieve a compromise. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Meet your match. A new acquaintance can turn into a lifelong friend or launch a relationship destined for true romance.

ONE-PAN DINNER

Healthful Meal, For All Seasons



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By ELLIE KRIEGER Washington Post With the overwhelming bustle and indulgent feasting this season brings, having a tasty, healthful dinner recipe that can be made on a single sheet pan in 20 minutes is like taking a deep, calming breath. The idea for this one began with my adoration of roasted broccoli and the way, when it is cooked in a hot oven with a light coating of oil, its florets crisp up and take on a lovely char, while the stems cook to a perfect crisp-tender. When making it last, I noticed there was plenty of space left on the sheet pan and thought, 'Why not add a protein and turn a favorite side

into a complete meal?' The result is this sumptuous but simple one-pan dinner. I used Broccolini for a change of pace, but you could substitute regular broccoli. Once the vegetable gets a five-minute head start in the oven, you add buttery, pale-pink fillets of arctic char (or salmon or snapper) to the pan and a sprinkle of bright green edamame. While that cooks, you pull together an easy Asian sauce made with soy sauce, orange juice, rice vinegar, ginger and garlic, cooking it down for a few minutes to meld and concentrate those flavors. The sauce is drizzled over the roasted fish and vegetables, tying everything together. This is a meal you can count on to restore and replenish you not only though the holidays, but any time of year.

ARCTIC CHAR, BROCCOLINI AND EDAMAME WITH SOY-GINGER SAUCE Prep: 40 minutes Cook: 15 minutes Makes: 4 servings ► 2 heads Broccolini (12 ounces total), trimmed ► 3 tablespoons canola oil ► ¼ teaspoon salt ► ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper ► 4 fillets skin-on arctic char (5 to 6 ounces each) ► 1 cup frozen, shelled edamame ► 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice ► 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce ► 2 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar ► 1½ teaspoons peeled, grated fresh ginger root ► 2 cloves garlic, minced

1 Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Toss Broccolini with 1½ tablespoons oil on a rimmed baking sheet; season with ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Roast (upper rack), 5 minutes. 2 Meanwhile, pat the fillets dry; brush with 1 tablespoon oil and season with remaining ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Toss edamame in a bowl with remaining ½ tablespoon oil. 3 Remove the baking sheet from the oven; toss and rearrange Broccolini so that there is room at the center for the fish. Scatter edamame on top of Broccolini. Place fillets, skin sides down, in the center of the baking sheet. Roast (upper rack) until char is no longer translucent and Broccolini is crisp-tender and charred a bit, 8 to 10 minutes. 4 Combine orange juice, soy sauce, rice vinegar, ginger and garlic in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil; cook until slightly reduced, about 2 minutes. Serve fish and vegetables drizzled with the sauce. Nutrition information per serving: 410 calories, 22 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 9 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 37 g protein, 560 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

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BLINTZ FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE WITH BLUEBERRY SAUCE

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 50-60 minutes
Makes: 6 to 8 servings

If you're a blintz lover but need an easy-to-prepare dish, this recipe shared by cookbook author Marlene Sorosky Gray makes a great choice. Hardly traditional, it combines the flavors of crusty French toast with the creaminess of a cheese blintz. It's great for a buffet because it stays warm for a long time. Serve with her blueberry sauce or a store-bought sauce.

- ▶ 12 slices sturdy white or egg bread, sliced, crusts removed
- ▶ 4 large eggs
- ▶ 3 egg whites
- ▶ 1 cup milk, whole or low fat
- ▶ ¼ cup maple syrup
- ▶ ¾ cup orange juice
- ▶ 8 ounces cream cheese, regular or low-fat, at room temperature
- ▶ 1 cup ricotta, whole or low-fat
- ▶ 1 cup small curd cottage cheese, whole or low-fat
- ▶ 2 large eggs
- ▶ ⅓ cup sugar
- ▶ 1 tablespoon vanilla extract



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- 1 Place bread in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.
- 2 In a large bowl, whisk eggs, egg whites, milk, syrup and orange juice until blended. Pour over bread; turn slices over to coat both sides. Set aside.
- 3 For the filling, place cream cheese, ricotta and cottage cheese in a food processor or a bowl of an electric mixer; blend until smooth. Mix in eggs, sugar and vanilla.
- 4 Butter a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish (or coat with nonstick cooking spray). Arrange 6 slices of bread on the bottom. Spoon filling over and spread evenly. With a spatula, place remaining bread over filling. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.
- 5 Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake French toast until top is golden and casserole is puffed, 50 to 60 minutes. Serve with blueberry sauce or a store-bought sauce of your choice.

Nutrition information per serving: 528 calories, 22 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 193 mg cholesterol, 62 g carbohydrates, 26 g sugar, 21 g protein, 711 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Blueberry sauce

In a medium saucepan, stir together 1 pint fresh or frozen blueberries, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg and 1/4 cup water. Heat to a boil over moderate heat; cook, stirring often, until sauce thickens slightly and sugar dissolves, 8 to 10 minutes. The sauce will continue to thicken as it cools. Sauce may be covered and refrigerated, up to 2 weeks.

Makes: 2 ½ cups sauce

eam cheese, farmer cheese and blended. Stir in remaining ready to use.

On a lightly floured surface, divide f into a 9-by-12-inch rectangle. spoon melted butter.

each rectangle, leaving a 1-inch the 2 shorter ends on each longer side, roll each piece into a log remaining half of each piece and each portion of dough will make 2

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1 Parbake: Adjust oven rack to the lower-middle position and heat to 350 degrees. Line the chilled pastry with foil, draping it loosely over edges. Fill with granulated sugar (alternatively, use baking beans). Set on a baking sheet. Bake until pastry is set and golden, about 1 hour. Lift out the foil. If pale, continue baking until lightly colored, 5-10 minutes. Let cool. Roasted sugar can replace granulated sugar in other recipes; it offers a hint of caramel flavor. Cool, seal and store.

2 Wilt: Peel, core, halve and slice apples

crosswise into ¼-inch thick half-circles. (An apple peeler contraption makes quick work of the job.) In a wide skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Slide in apples and toss to coat. Cover and cook, stirring regularly, until apples lose their snap, about 7 minutes. Uncover and stir in brown sugar, tapioca, cinnamon and salt. Cook until syrup begins to thicken, 1 minute. Let cool.

3 Fill: Scrape cooled apples into cooled pie shell. Drape the top pastry over apples, trim edge to ¾-inch overhang. Fold the overhang under itself, covering the parbaked edges (no need to unite baked and unbaked pastry, they will join forces in the oven). Chill firm, 30 minutes.

4 Bake: With rack still in lower-middle position, heat oven to 400 degrees. Whisk together egg wash, and brush over chilled pie. Cut in a starburst of vent slits. Set pie on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake until top is golden brown, center is bubbly and 195 degrees, about 1 hour. (Pull out pie before it reaches 200, warns Parks. That's when apples break down to mush.) If top is browning too quickly, cover loosely with foil. Cool at least 1 hour before serving. To restore crisp crust later, reheat at 350 for 10 minutes.

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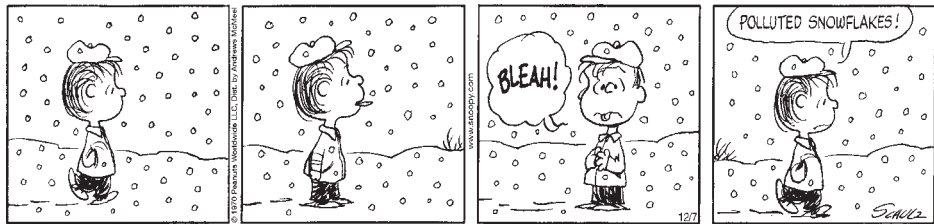
Ingredients:

- Anything you'll need for your favorite banana bread recipe (preferably a recipe with sour cream in it for an extra moist bread)
- 2/3 cup roughly chopped walnuts
- 1 ½ tablespoons fresh rosemary, chopped (or a little over 1 teaspoon dried rosemary)

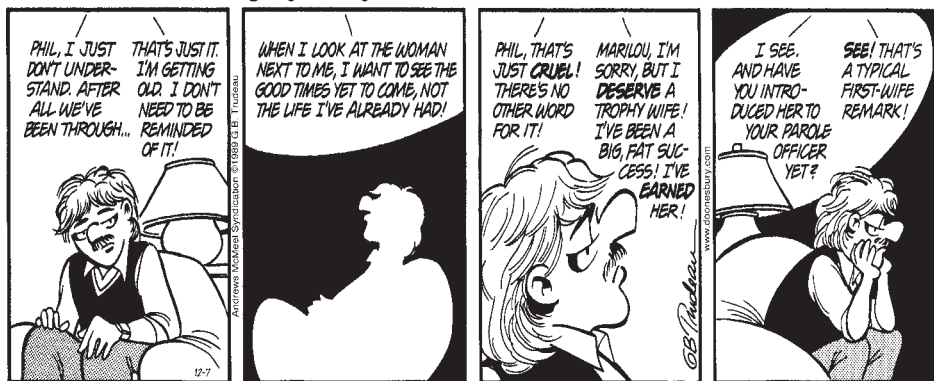
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Prepare the banana bread batter as directed in your recipe, making sure to grease your pan and preheat the oven ahead of time. Just before pouring the batter into the loaf pan, fold in the walnuts and the rosemary. Bake the banana bread as directed in your recipe. Serve warm and sliced with softened butter or cream cheese.

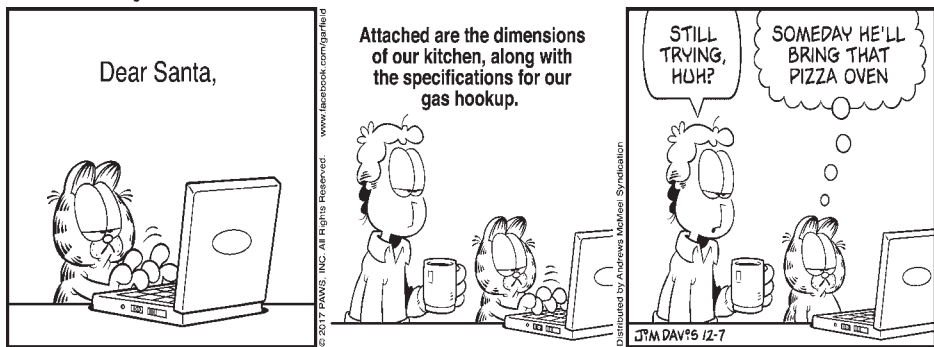
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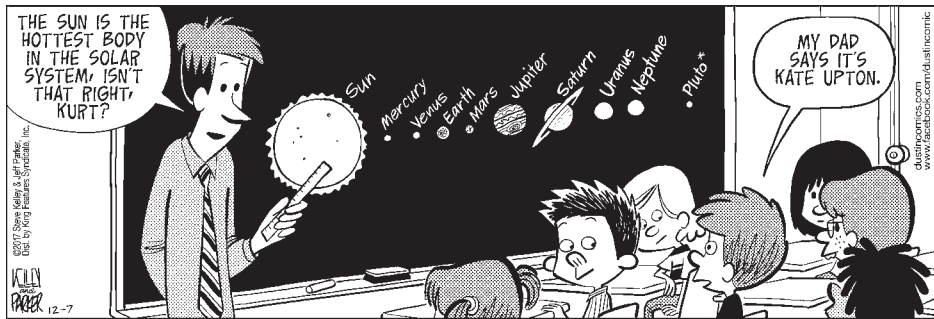
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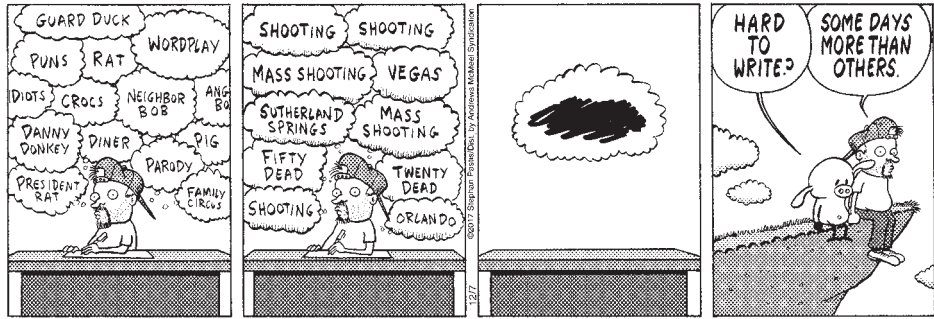
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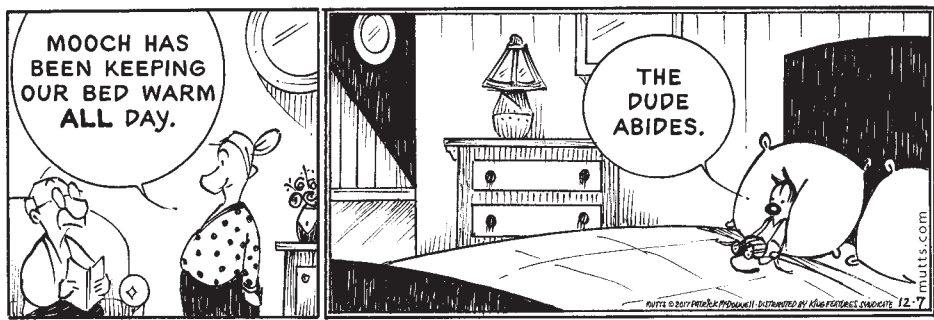
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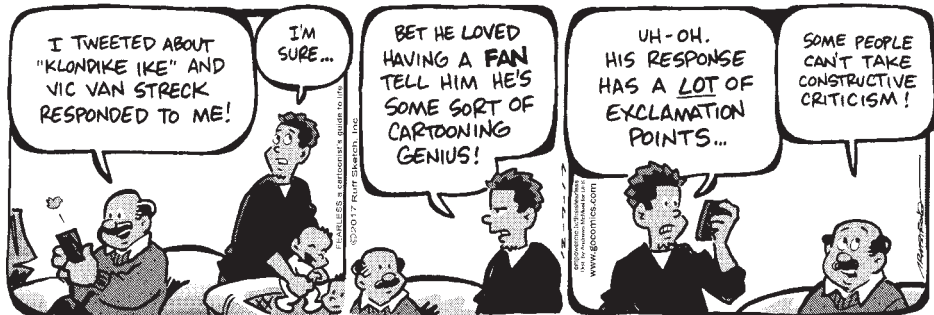
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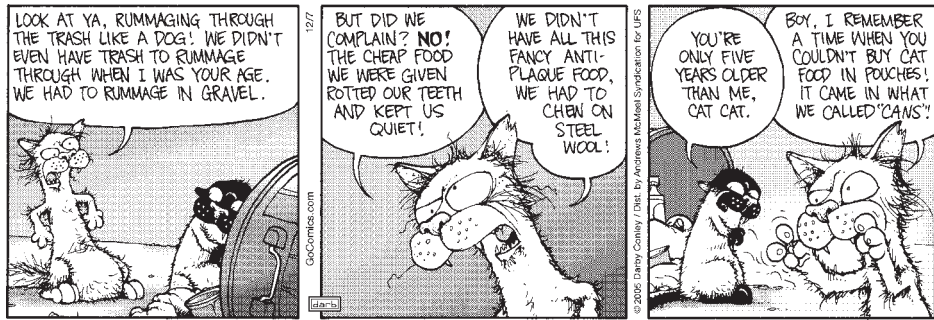
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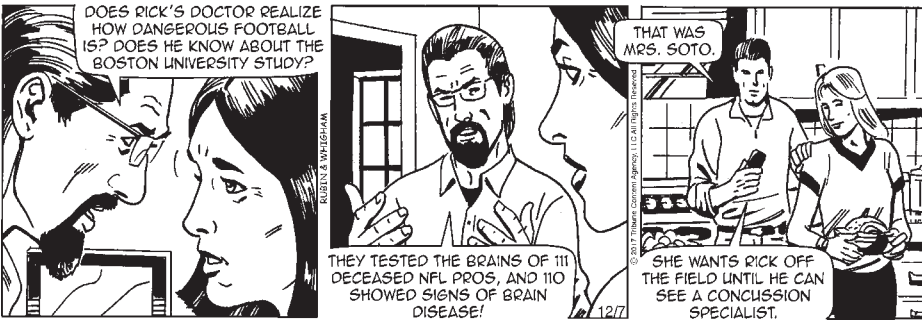
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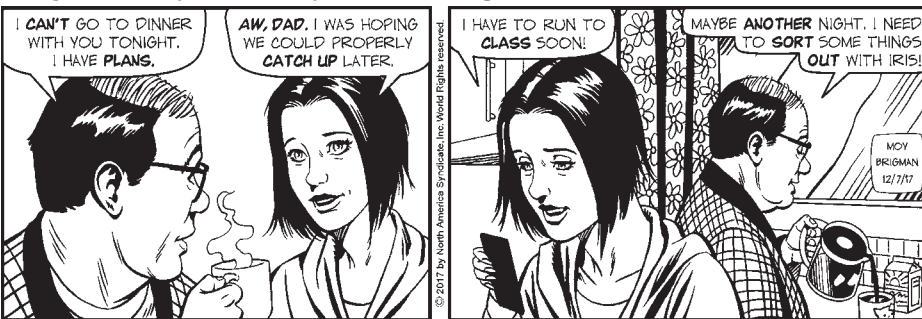
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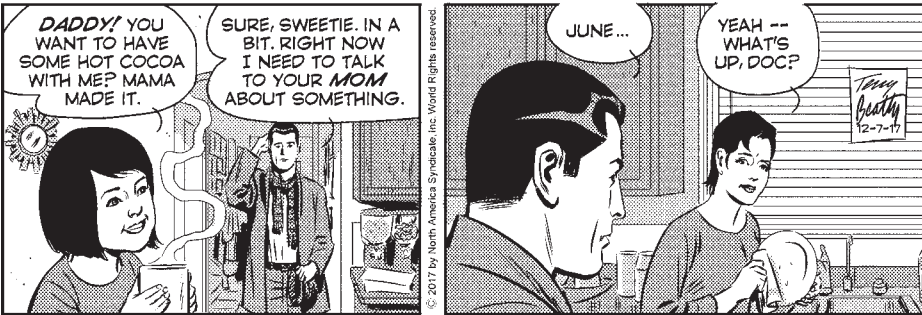
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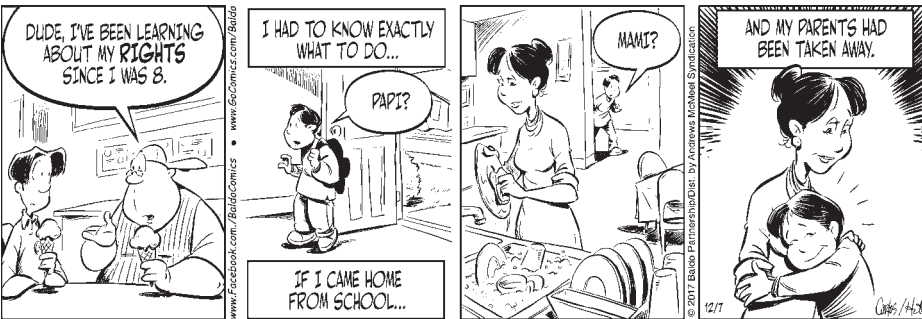
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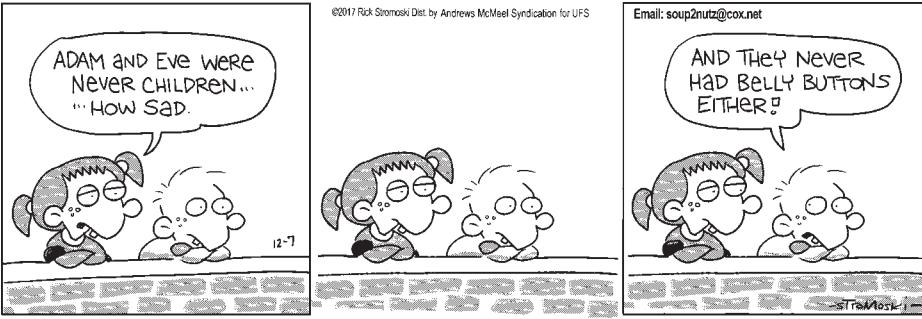
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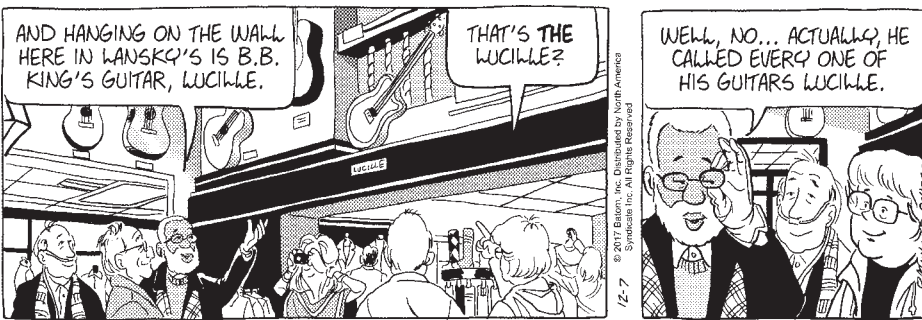
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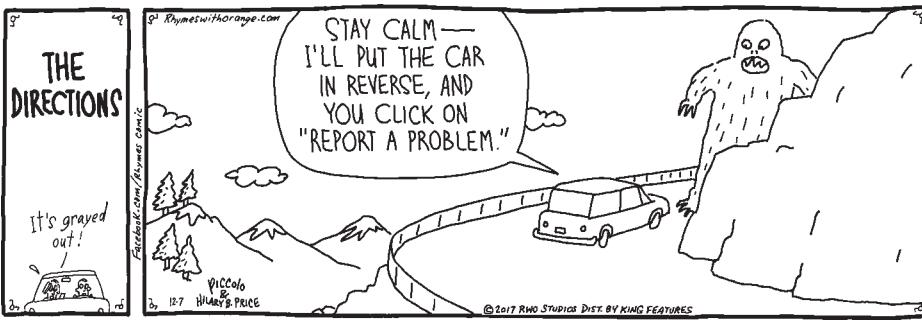
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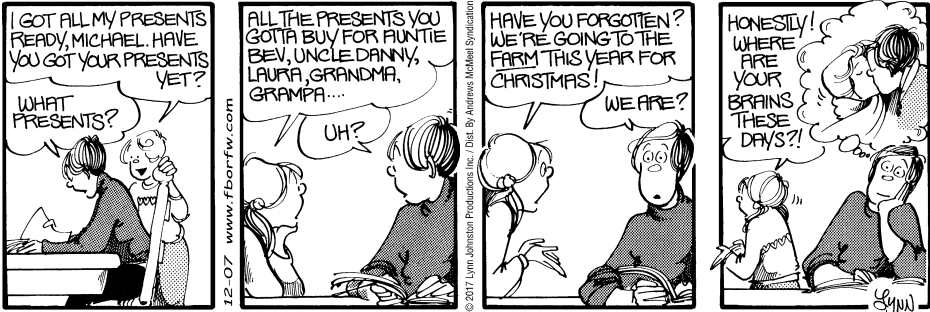


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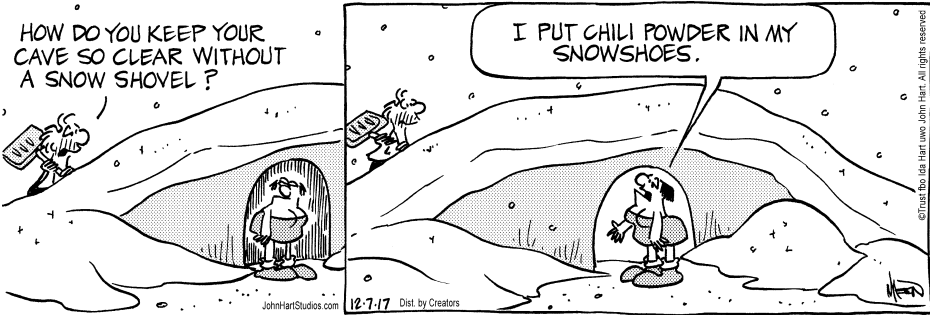


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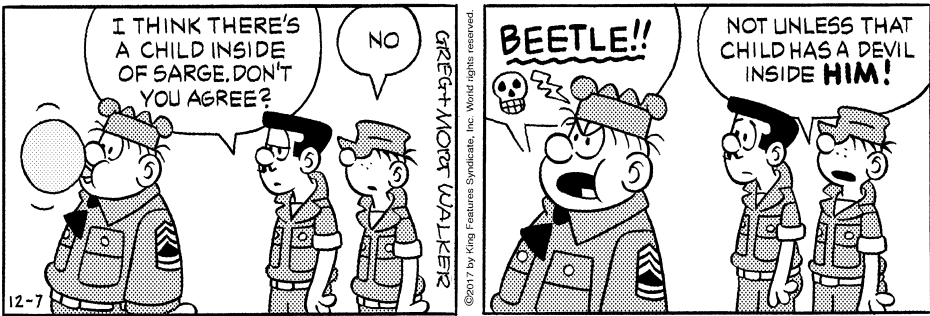
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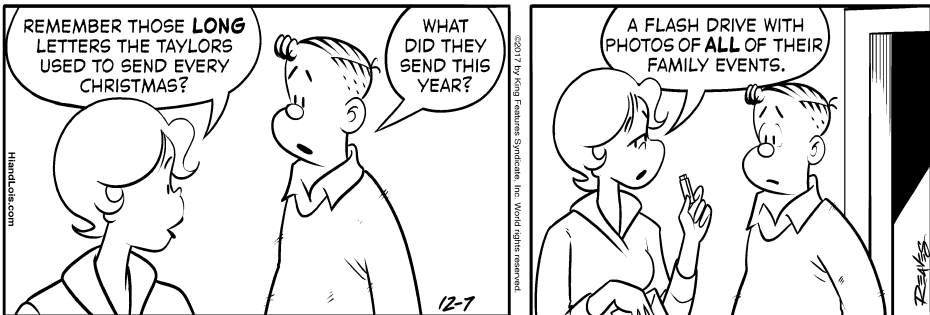
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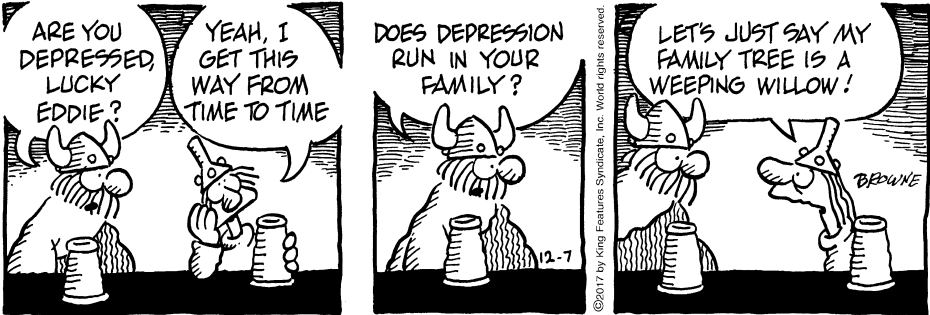
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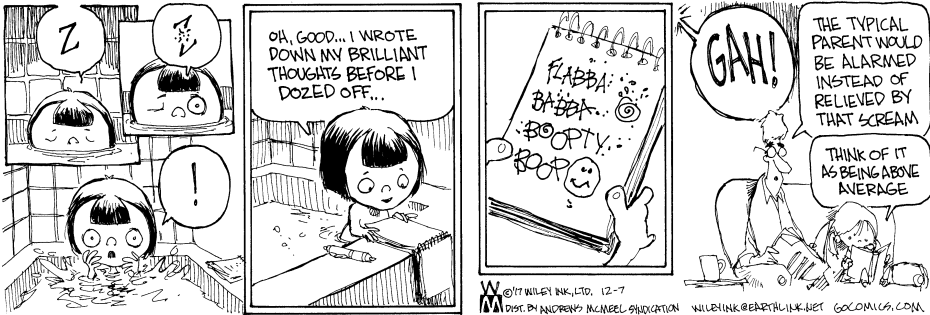
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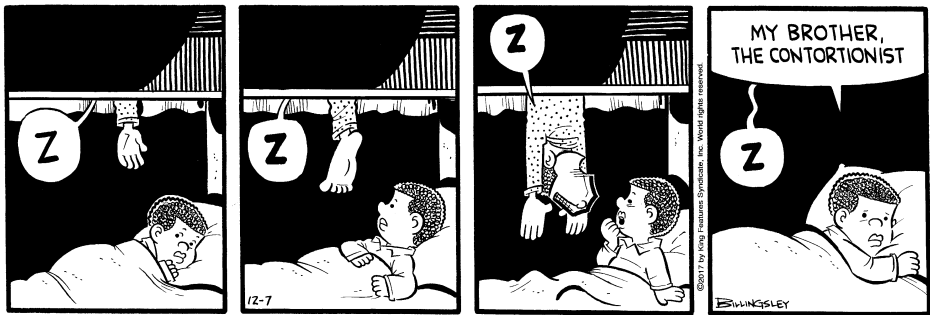
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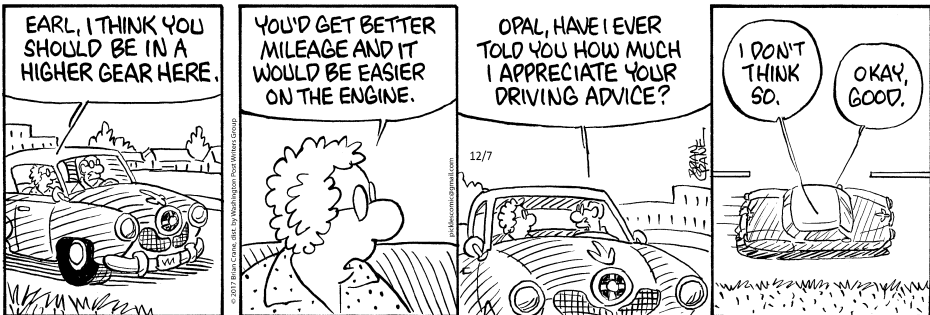
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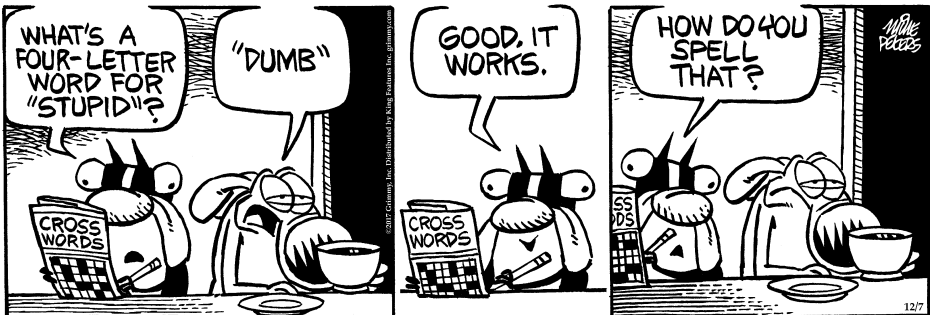
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Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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Across

1 Not insignificant

4 LeBron's hometown

9 Pet food brand

13 Discontinued iPod model

14 Saltine brand

15 Action word

16 Words after an estimate

17 Divisions

18 Those, to Pablo

19 *Award-winning defense unit?

21 Sculler's blade

23 Capri suffix

24 Trattoria menu suffix

25 Chaucer offering

27 "Stagecoach," for one

29 Birdcage feature

31 *Manchester hospital hookup?

34 Multi-channel

36 Saturn SUV

37 One of the Nereids

38 *Either of a historic PGA pair?

41 Neatnik's opposite

44 Pioneering ISP

45 Warm-weather wear

49 *Enforcer of greenhouse gas restrictions?

52 Three-time Wimbledon champ

53 Directive

54 One of the three bears

56 Mai __

57 Arctic coast explorer

58 Consume

61 Make smart remarks ... and a phonetic hint to the answers to starred clues

63 Mosque figure

65 Big name in craft stores

67 Response to being slain, in texts?

68 Khartoum's river

69 Match

70 "Would __?"

71 Notable deed

72 Saratoga action

73 PC panic button

5 Whistling vessel

6 Nation surrounding 10-Down: Abbr.

7 Director

8 "Hidden Figures" org.

9 "__ Maria"

10 Enclaved African land

11 Tofu nutrient

12 Watch

13 Custom on some cruises

20 Multiple-choice choice

22 Louis XIV, par exemple

26 Wrap around

28 "I, Robot" writer

30 Champion swimmer/actor

32 Director

33 Where ewes can hang out

35 __ even keel

39 Biennial games org.

40 Flightless birds

41 Making a touchdown

42 Metro area SSE of Casper

43 Major hassles

46 Updates the plant

47 Rush hour report topic

48 Suppress

50 Vein contents

51 Plains tribe

55 Source of hard and soft lumber

59 A bit cracked

60 Forum attire

62 Lackawanna's lake

64 Ran into

66 __ welding

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ A 2
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ 7 6 3

WEST
♠ A K 10
♥ 5 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ K 8 5 4

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 4 2
♥ 8 6
♦ A J 10
♣ J 10 2

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ K Q J 10 9 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:
South West North East
4♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — king of spades.
Three chances are better than one
There is nothing unusual about declarer being in a contract where the outcome depends upon the success of a finesse. It happens all the time.

Under normal circumstances, a finesse has only a 50-50 chance of winning. For this reason, declarer should try to avoid the finesse if it is possible to substitute for it any other approach that would raise the chance of success beyond 50 percent. Consider this case where South is in four hearts and West leads the K-A of spades, declarer trumping the second one. The problem is to avoid the loss of a diamond and two clubs. The diamond loser can't be avoided, so the issue narrows down to eliminating one of the club losers. The simple solution is to bank everything on East's having the king of clubs, and take a straightforward finesse against it. But this is only an even-money shot, and declarer should want to do better than that. There are two other ways to try to make the contract, and it costs nothing to investigate both of them before attempting the club finesse.

First, West may have the ace of diamonds. If he does, South can lead twice toward dummy's K-Q and establish a high card on which to discard a club. A diamond is therefore led at trick three. East takes the king with the ace, and that chance goes down the drain.

Declarer ruffs East's spade return and draws two rounds of trump, ending in dummy.

A club is led, and when East plays low, South inserts the nine, forcing West's king. Declarer's second chance — that East was dealt the J-10 of clubs — thus comes through, and the contract is home.

Observe that it does East no good to split his J-10 when the first club is led from dummy.

If he does, the queen is played, losing to the king, but South later picks up East's remaining club honor by leading a club toward the A-9 and finessing if East follows low.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BAOMM

DUYDB

TARILU

SLENUS

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They didn't like running at the health club, so to them, the machine was a ...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: "O O O O O - O O O O O"

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWARD CHURN SKETCH ENROLL
Answer: She kept her gloves by the front door so they would be — CLOSE AT HAND

TODAY'S SUDOKU

		8	2		6		4	7
	4					9	5	
				7				
2		4				8	9	
			6		3			
	6	9				3		5
	8	1					3	
4	7		3		9	5		

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

5	7	6	8	4	1	3	9	2
1	8	3	9	7	2	4	5	6
9	4	2	5	3	6	8	7	1
3	1	7	6	2	4	5	8	9
6	2	8	7	9	5	1	3	4
4	5	9	1	8	3	6	2	7
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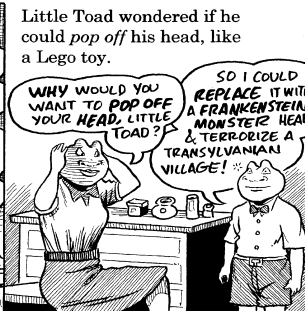
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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H	E	D	G	E	M	A	Z	E	V	I	C	A
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T	M	S	G	E	O	R	G	E	M	A	S	O
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G	R	U	D	G	E	M	A	T	C	H		
R	O	N	A	L	D		L	O	U	I	S	E
I	N	T	R	O		H	I	D	D	E	N	G
S	T	E	E	R		A	N	D		L	O	I
H	O	A	R		Y	E	S		D	W	E	L

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Bill Griffith



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From the creative mind of Goodspeed Musicals' Resident Music Director Michael O'Flaherty and book writer LJ Fecho, comes a new musical, *A Connecticut Christmas Carol*. This re-telling of the classic Dickens' tale features all new songs and a host of Connecticut historical figures.

Set in the 1920's, Mr. Goodspeed has asked famed actor and local legend William Gillette to give one final performance as Ebenezer Scrooge before the Goodspeed Opera House must close its doors forever. And so Gillette leaves his castle on the Connecticut River to adapt Dickens' holiday classic. Authors Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe, as well as P.T. Barnum make spirited appearances opposite Gillette's Scrooge in a highly theatrical take on a family favorite.

The play was custom-made for Goodspeed with all-original music and songs such as "Carry On," "How Can You Resist the Irresistible," and "It's the Season."

Broadway star Lenny Wolpe captivates audiences with the "re-created, revamped, and redecorated interpretation of that cantankerous, old humbug of a man." Michael Thomas Holmes skillfully captures the unique personalities of the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future, represented by some of Connecticut's most famous residents. Wolpe and Holmes are joined by Connecticut native Robert Berson who makes his Goodspeed debut as the charming Tiny Tim and an ensemble of talented triple threats.

A Connecticut Christmas Carol has been extended through Dec. 30. Curtain times are Wednesdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (select dates at 2 p.m.), Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. (select dates at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are available through the Box Office (860-873-8668), open seven days a week, or online at goodspeed.org.

-Mollie Carey



Jeff Sears, Patrick Graver, Matt Gibson, and Mark DiConzo in Goodspeed's "A Connecticut Christmas Carol." Photograph by Diane Sobolewski

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MORE THAN A GIFT

By Jessica Royer Ocken

America has become a throw-away society, says Bill Brunelle, co-founder and managing partner at Independent We Stand. "Once something doesn't work, it goes into the landfill, and you get what you pay for sometimes," Brunelle says.

Holidays are the perfect time to break out of this mode. "When you're looking for a gift that will make someone feel good, buy something unique."

When you take the time to find something special, you're giving the person some of yourself, says Heidi Butzine, founder of ShopLocal.us and author of "Shop Local: A Practical, Pain-Free Guide to Shopping With a Purpose" (Simplex Publishing, 2012).

Perhaps the gift will represent where you live. "Your gift can remind them of you or provide an escape," she says.



"Gift giving is so individualized. You just need to stop and think."

If you're shopping locally, you don't have to think alone. "You can go into a local toy store and talk to someone who's really well trained in child development," says Kathleen McHugh,

president of The American Specialty Toy Retailing Association. Just give them the child's age, and you can likely walk out with the perfect present. "That's priceless – there's no guessing!"

Plus, you can select from more than just the latest mass-produced toys and

HOW SHOPPING LOCAL BENEFITS THE RECIPIENTS OF YOUR GIFTS

games. You'll get a range of creative, open-ended playthings. "It's not about what the toy does, but what the child does with this toy," McHugh says.

"If a kid can find a million ways to play with the same toy, you've hit the jackpot."

In the same way, the bookseller in town may suggest local or regional authors you haven't heard of, the local boutique might have clothing or jewelry by designers you might otherwise miss, and the music store down the street might have tunes by independent artists, plus a great selection of vintage vinyl, these experts say.

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Hunger During the Holidays

HOW TO HELP

By Ted Remsnyder

The holiday season is the perfect time for families to gather around their dining room tables and share feasts featuring beloved standards such as turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. But while the upcoming celebrations are joyous occasions for most, many local families are affected by the epidemic of hunger and food insecurity that constantly puts their next meal in doubt.



According to a recent U.S. Dept. of Agriculture study, 12.7 percent (15.8 million) of U.S. households faced food insecurity – not having the resources to adequately feed everyone in the family – at some time in 2015, and that includes during the holidays.

Food banks play a vital role in fighting back against food insecurity, helping to make sure that local families don't have to go without during the holidays and beyond. While food pantries typically receive a surge of contributions this time of year, they also request help during the other 10 months of the year, so local families always have a place to turn to when they're in need.

"We are always grateful to everyone who contributes during the holidays and we hope that they continue to think of us during the year," Foodshare President & CEO Jason Jakubowski says. "During Thanksgiving we are specifically asking that you donate a turkey to help more of our neighbors

celebrate the holiday and also \$30 to support our efforts to fight hunger throughout the year.

"Financial donations allow Foodshare to provide fresh fruits and vegetables, in addition to canned goods," Jakubowski says. "Holiday donations are always appreciated but we have to remember that hunger is an issue year-round."

The Bloomfield-based Foodshare, which serves Hartford and Tolland counties, distributed 11.5 million meals last year to a network of 300 local partner programs.

Families that live along the Connecticut shoreline, from Madison to East Lyme, are helped by the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries. Executive Director Ellen Rabin says the residents her group helps are concerned about government cuts to food assistance programs. "There's a lot of anxiety right now due to the state budget," Rabin notes. "The threats to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) on the federal level increases anxiety. On the shoreline, a lot of people work during the summer months and need to get through the winter, and the dollar's just not going as far."

Food pantries provide crucial relief to families that are faced with the difficult choice of spending their hard-earned money on groceries or medical and heating bills.

"We are very happy that we're here to help out by providing them with a grocery cart full of nutritious food to feed their family," Rabin says. "They can come out to a pantry once a week to fill their carts with meat and eggs, and produce."

Many food banks also ask for donations of household cleaners, hygiene products, paper towels, trash bags, baby food, diapers and even pet food.

While Foodshare is requesting that donors provide turkeys, the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries requests local gift cards as they are not able to store

frozen turkeys.

"We are encouraging people to give gift cards from the local markets rather than a 12-pound turkey," Rabin says. "It's very difficult to handle and store frozen turkeys. We will make sure that everyone in the 11 towns we serve has a bountiful meal with everything from cranberries to stuffing to yams.

But trying to give out frozen turkeys is just logistically difficult, and not everyone has a kitchen capable of cooking a turkey."

Food banks need items like low-sodium soups, whole grain pasta, easy one-can meals such as ravioli with sauce, and each organization has its own specific needs. "Lately, for whatever reason, there's been a shortage of rice, but we're always looking for protein like tuna, beans and peanut butter," Rabin says. "We also make sure there's always fresh food. That's why we absolutely appreciate food drives and donations of that sort, but at this time of year it's sometimes easier for us to purchase at a highly discounted rate the food that we know we need to provide a holiday meal."

Volunteering your time is an excellent way to offer support, too, and the Shoreline organization works in cooperation with groups as varied as



the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts. Food insecurity is also a problem that affects all age ranges, from children to the elderly. "We see a mixture of single moms and some very large families," Rabin says. "Also, 10 percent of our guests are seniors."

The ramifications of food insecurity are

vast, as children's grades can suffer without proper nutrition and lack of food can impact an adult's performance at work as well. Food insecurity can strike families without warning due to a lost job or medical emergency, making the work of groups such as Foodshare and Shoreline Soup Kitchens more important than ever.

"The role of food banks across the state, and across the country, is to act as a safety net," Rabin says. "Hunger is a terrible thing in a country full of abundance. People are going to sleep hungry or not knowing where they're going to eat tomorrow. So we're a really important safety net, and we're not going to go away regardless of any cuts on any governmental level. We're a grassroots organization that's here to take care of our neighbors. The support between volunteers and donors is tremendous."



Get 'Gin' the Holiday Spirit

Don't spend all night bartending. For your next celebration, let gin please every palette.

By Matthew M. F. Miller

Looking for one cocktail to please a diverse crowd? Look no further than gin. Contrary to its stuffy reputation, gin is the “it” spirit to infuse your 2017 holiday gathering with trendy pizzazz. More gin is exported to the U.S. than any other country, which means you’ll be in good spirits, so to speak.

According to HM Revenue & Customs, the U.K.’s tax, payments and customs authority, sales of the juniper-based alcohol rose by 12 percent in 2016 – a pace that is expected to be shattered in 2017.

“The quality of the gin combined with the world’s love for brand Britain has seen British gin breaking records both at home and abroad,” Miles Beale, chief executive of the Wine and Spirit Trade Association, tells The Guardian.

According to sales figures, gin is now more popular than it has been in a century. Much like

the beer craze of a few years back, craft gin is rising in popularity, with new distilleries popping up constantly. Consider making your cocktail extra special by visiting or buying gin made from a local or regional distillery. If you visit the distillery, ask if it has stickers, coasters or other swag that you can offer your guests at the bar to further personalize the cocktail.

For those new to gin, you’re in for a treat. It has a neutral flavor that is derived from grain or fruit and is infused with (or distilled a second time) with botanicals. The only gin requirement is the juniper. It offers extreme versatility and unlike some stronger spirits (tequila, bourbon) it tends to be a crowd pleaser. It’s also easy to use and there are simple cocktails that require very little know-how or additional mixing gear.

Need inspiration? Try this yuletide twist on a classic that’s sure to get any party started.

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Orange Cranberry Gin & Tonic

3 oz. gin
1 oz. fresh squeezed orange juice
1 Tbsp. cranberry sauce
4 oz. tonic water
2 1-inch pieces orange peel

In a cocktail shaker, add gin, orange juice and cranberry sauce. Stir clockwise until combined. Fill a highball glass with ice and pour the mixture from the shaker into the glass. Top with tonic water. Garnish with orange peel.

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By Jessica Abelscroft

Craftiness is cooler than ever thanks to the proliferation of social media. The biggest upside to the increased interest in DIY holiday décor is cost savings. Whether you're a novice or an expert, here's how to create a festive home on a budget while making holiday memories.

1. DOUBLE UP

"I try to use things that do 'double duty,' which means I can either use them for two holidays or I can eat them when finished," says Tracey McBride, the author of the "Frugal Luxuries" series of books published by Bantam. She decorates with glass bowls of apples, nuts, berries or rosemary, then uses them in the kitchen later.

10 Pinterest-Worthy DIY Decorating Ideas for the Holidays

2. PICK AND CHOOSE

"Choose one room, or maybe the kitchen and one room, and choose a focal point to decorate and keep your collections together," suggests Kelley Taylor, author of holiday-décor mainstay "Holiday Decorating For Dummies." "Focus on one table or area or a fireplace. Don't spread Christmas around the room."

3. TAKE IT UP A NOTCH

"I always like to elevate things when possible," McBride says. "It gives something more prominence and makes it more special, and it doesn't cost a thing."

4. GET CRAFTY

"Take old ornaments, spray them a different color and sprinkle on some glitter while it's still wet," suggests Shelley Wolson, author of "Budget Celebrations: The Hostess Guide to Year-Round Entertaining on a Dime" (Filipacchi Publishing, 2009). She also cuts up the cardboard tubes from wrapping paper and covers them with fabric or paper to use as napkin rings.

5. COLOR YOUR HOME

When purchasing artificial flowers, Taylor says it's more economical to avoid poinsettias. "Look for the colors instead of what the flowers are," she says.



6. SAVE STUFF TO SAVE CASH

Think of creative ways to use left-overs. "Say you buy a box of candy canes and you don't use them," Wolson says. "Glue them around a coffee container or [other] container and you've got a really festive, cute way to hold flowers."

7. REAP WHAT YOU SEW

Wolson has a friend who turned her daughter's first-year Christmas dress into a stocking. "That way she was able to keep the dress and it was a really neat way to hold onto it," Wolson says.

8. TURN UP THE HEAT

Inexpensive white candles can be used any time, in any room, Taylor says. She keeps a drawer of them on-hand in her home. "They're timeless and just make everything glowing and special," she says.

9. MAKE A LIST, CHECK IT TWICE

"Keep a list of what's leftover, what you can use for next year. Print it out and store it with the box of ornaments," Wolson says. "While you're in the season and in the moment it's good to think of things you want to do next year."

10. HEAD TO THE KITCHEN

Make a classic gingerbread house.

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Gingerbread House Festival

Through Dec. 10

The Seventh Annual Gingerbread House Festival transforms Wood Memorial Library & Museum in South Windsor into a winter wonderland. Includes appearances by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, musical performances, story times, craft making and book signings by local authors. Free, although donations are accepted. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Wood Memorial Library & Museum, 783 Main St., South Windsor. 860-289-1783, www.woodmemoriallibrary.org

Dec. 7

Holidays On Main with the Wethersfield Historical Society. View the Children's Holiday Trees display, the new exhibit "Come Play with Us: Toys from Wethersfield's Attic," and enjoy children's games and hot cider at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center. The decorated Hurlbut-Dunham House (212 Main St.) will be open from 6-8 p.m. Events run 5-9 p.m. Free. Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, 200 Main St., Wethersfield. 860-529-7656, www.wethersfieldhistory.org

Dec. 7

Hanukkah Party. Join friends and neighbors for a Hanukkah Party at the Annual Holiday Stroll in Blue Back Square. Presented by the Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Blue Back Square, West Hartford. 860-236-4571, www.mandelljcc.org

Dec. 7-8

Small Business Holiday Party. Get decked out for the holidays and join us at Powder Ridge's Winter Wonderland Holiday Party. Bring co-workers and friends to a buffet or plated dinner, live band and dancing. Dec. 7: \$59 per person, plated dinner. Dec. 8: \$45 per person, buffet dinner. Reservations recommended. 6-10 p.m. Powder Ridge Mountain Park Resort, 99 Powder Hill Rd., Middlefield. 866-860-0208, www.powderridgepark.com

Dec. 7-17

"It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." Inspired by the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life," the show is performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. Five actors perform the dozens of characters and produce the sound effects. Tickets \$15-\$35. Ivoryton Playhouse, 103 Main St., Ivoryton. 860-767-7318, www.ivorytonplayhouse.org

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Through Dec. 10

The Festival of Trees & Traditions is an annual holiday custom. Every year community members, artists and organizations decorate holiday trees and wreaths that are displayed in the galleries. All items are for sale, and profits help fund the museum's special exhibitions, educational programs, and operating expenses. Purchase a tree or wreath for your home or donate it to a local charity. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. thewadsworth.org/festivaloftrees



Dec. 7, 14, 21

Gingerbread Houses for Adults.

Gingerbread architects will have a terrific time crafting the edible holiday homes of their dreams. Have fun with royal icing, colorful sprinkles, candies, gumdrops, peppermints, cookies, sparkly decorations, and glittery sugars. 6:30-9 p.m. \$39.99. Lyman Orchards' Lyman Homestead, 3 Lyman Rd., Middlefield. 860-349-1793, lymanorchards.com

Dec. 8

Christmas Open House at the White Memorial Conservation Center

Stroll through the museum, sip mulled cider, and wrap up your holiday shopping with 10 percent off all purchases. The Center houses one of New England's finest nature museums. See a life-sized beaver lodge, learn about alternative energy, touch real animal fur, test your bird identification skills, visit a fluorescent rock cave, and view nature through a digital macro-scope. 6-8 p.m. Free. White Memorial Conservation Center, 80 Whitehall Rd., Litchfield. 860-567-0857, www.whitememorialcc.org

Dec. 8

Olde Mistick Village Festival of

Lights. Walk through a winter wonderland with more than 4,000 luminaries lighting the walkways. Holiday music by Ragtime Too from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Outdoor entertainment includes Too Tall Guys, Fly By Night Holiday Jesters, and the Festive Brass at 6 p.m. Festival runs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Olde Mistick

Village, 27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic. 860-536-4941, www.oldemistickvillage.com

Dec. 8 & 9

Christmas in Collinsville. A starry night in Collinsville with downtown streets lit up with luminaries. Friday evening includes a Champagne Walk, horse-drawn carriage rides, a tree lighting at 7 p.m., open mic night at LaSalle Market, a craft fair and the Gallery of Trees (Canton Historical Society). Saturday includes a craft fair, more carriage rides, children's crafts, face painting, visits with Santa, puppet shows, and the Gallery of Trees. Fri. 6-8:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Main Street, Collinsville. 860-421-5006, visitcollinsville.com

Dec. 8

Mystic Aquarium Festival of Lights.

Saxophone Santa serenades the crowd and poses with you for pictures. Seasonal entertainment and storytellers in addition to your favorite exhibits. 5-9:30 p.m. Free with one non-perishable food item per guest. Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic. 860-572-5955, www.mysticaquarium.org



Dec. 8

Three Centuries of Christmas: Preview Party at the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum. The museum's tours show in fascinating detail how the holiday season has evolved over the past 300 years. Guests will delight in a candlelight preview of the dazzling holiday decorations throughout the museum. Stroll from house to house enjoying food, wine, ale, and live music. Chat with Mr. and Mrs. Silas Deane, Mrs. Claus, and guides in period dress. 5-8 p.m. \$35. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, 211 Main St., Wethersfield. 860-529-0612, webb-deane-stevens.org

Dec. 8-9

11th Annual Gingerbread Days at

the Noah Webster House. Kids and adults can build a house from holiday-themed candies, white icing and homemade cookies. Friday: adults only and BYOB. Saturday: families spend a kid-friendly day at three different sessions. The museum's play area, Noah's Discovery Learning Space, is open during the day. Pre-registration is required. Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., \$20; Sat. \$18. Noah Webster House, 227 South Main St., West Hartford. 860-521-5362, www.noahwebsterhouse.org

Dec. 8-9, 15-17 and 22-23

Lantern Light Tours: A Christmas

Ghost Story. Set on Christmas Eve 1876, the play unfolds through five scenes featuring a gentlemen's athletic contest, a spirited circle dance, a visit with St. Nick, and a horse and carriage ride. As the story unfolds, you'll uncover the true Spirit of the Holiday... with a little help from a Victorian Spiritualist. Tours begin at 5 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes. mysticseaport.org/event/lantern-light-tours



Dec. 8-10

"Happy Holiday from Irving Berlin: A Musical Revue."

By the Department of Theatre Arts at Western Connecticut State University. Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Tickets \$7-\$15. Visual and Performing Arts Center at Western Connecticut State University, 43 Lake Ave. Extension, Danbury. www.wcsu.edu/svpa/events

Dec. 8-10

Joseph Albano's "Nutcracker" is celebrating its 56th year of production with performances at the Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre with a live orchestra. Albano's production is known for its elaborate scenery, theatrical effects and choreography. The cast boasts more than 100 dancers. There is a

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35-foot lighted Christmas tree, giant mice with blinking eyes and toy soldiers who fire an exploding cannon. Tickets may be purchased through the Mohegan Sun Box Office and Ticketmaster.

Dec. 8-10

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer – The Musical.” Come see your favorite characters including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph. It’s an adventure that teaches us what makes you different is what makes you special. Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m., Sun. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Tickets \$39-\$89. Shubert Theater, 247 College St., New Haven. 203-562-5666, shubert.com

Dec. 8-10

Holiday Concert: “From Tinseltown to Times Square.” The Hartford Gay Men’s Chorus shares its special holiday magic. Hear songs from some of your favorite holiday films and Broadway smashes as they tell a heartwarming story of friendship, family and finding your way home. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. Tickets \$30/\$45. Aetna Theater at Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St., Hartford. dwww.hgmc.org

Dec. 8-10

December Dreams at The Bushnell. The Hartford Symphony Orchestra presents a program of music sure to put you in a festive mood: Tchaikovsky’s selections from “The Nutcracker,” William Henry Fry’s “Santa Claus” (Christmas Symphony), and American composer Jennifer Higdon’s Oboe Concerto makes its Hartford Symphony Orchestra premiere. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$68. The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. 860-987-5900, hartfordsymphony.org

Dec. 8-10, 15-17

“The Nutcracker.” The 2017 production of The Hartt School Community Division features four professional dancers in key roles, as well as new choreography and costuming for several sections of the ballet. New York City Ballet’s Erica Pereira and Daniel Ulbricht will perform Dec. 8-10, and Ballet Des Moines’ Eleanor Danaan and Eugeniu Cilenco will join the production Dec. 15-17. Tickets \$15-\$30. Millard Auditorium, University of

Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford. 860-768-4228, hartford.edu/tickets

Dec. 9

“It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.” George Bailey, Zuzu, Clarence the Angel, and grumpy old Mr. Potter turn Hartford into Bedford Falls. The classic holiday film springs to life in a fun radio-show performance, complete with a sound-effects artist. Presented by The Mark Twain House & Museum and Herstory Theater. 2 & 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 adults, \$8 children. The Mark Twain House & Museum, Lincoln Financial Auditorium, 351 Farmington Ave., Hartford. 860-247-0998, marktwinhouse.org



Dec. 9

Breakfast with Santa at the Mystic Aquarium. Bring your family and friends to a morning among the Aquarium’s indoor exhibits and seasonal decor. Enjoy a breakfast buffet provided by Ocean Blue Catering. 8-9:30 a.m. Adults \$20.95, children (10 and under) \$15.95. Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic. 860-572-5955, www.mysticaquarium.org

Dec. 9

Etsy Artisan Holiday Bazaar. Artisan soaps, baby and children’s gifts, candles, jams, jewelry, pet treats, pottery, prints of original drawings, quilts and textiles, woodwork, and more. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free. Wallingford Public Library, 200 North Main St., Wallingford. 203-265-6754

Dec. 9

“Novi Cantori.” Presented by Parkville Classics Series, a well-known vocal group performs works by Bach, Bruckner, Brahms and seasonal carols. 7:30 p.m. Free, donations appreciated. Grace Episcopal Church, 55 New Park Ave., Hartford. 860-233-0825, www.gracehartford.org

Dec. 9

Jingle and Mingle. A holiday dinner party with live music featuring Litchfield native and international jazz performer Nicole Zuraitis. Tickets \$75. Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd., Litchfield. www.litchfieldjazzfest.com

Dec. 9

Second Saturday: “Sounds of the Season.” Celebrate the sounds of the season during “Festival of Trees & Traditions.” Learn about seasonal customs from around the world and enjoy live musical performances. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St., Hartford. 860-278-2670, thewadsworth.org

Dec. 9

Essex Holiday House Tour. The self-guided walking tour features seven distinctive private homes decorated for the holidays, along with the Essex Historical Society’s properties, and the Connecticut River Museum with its holiday train show. The Essex Art Association will offer free chili. Ticket pick-up and purchase at Essex Town Hall (29 West Ave.) where there will be a large boutique with vendors. House tours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$30 in advance, \$35 day of tour. Various locations. Main Street, Essex. 860-443-2896, www.childandfamilyagency.org



Dec. 9

Pizza with Penguins and Santa. There are no penguins at the North Pole, that’s why Santa comes to Mystic Aquarium to see them. Join Santa and a couple of the African penguins as you enjoy pizza, French fries and chicken tenders plus soft drinks and dessert. Meet the African penguins when they make a special dinnertime appearance in the Main Gallery from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and take photos with Santa. 6-8 p.m. Adults \$24.95, children (10 and under) \$20.95. Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic. 860-572-5955, www.mysticaquarium.org

Dec. 9

A Celtic Family Christmas. Award-winning fiddle virtuosos Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy perform a Christmas concert accompanied by an array of musicians who will take you on a virtuosic musical journey, telling the story of the night before Christmas in the Leahy/MacMaster household. 8 p.m. Tickets \$30/\$40. Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, 2132 Hillside Rd., Storrs. 860-486-4226, jorgensen.uconn.edu

Through Dec. 9

St. George’s 50th Annual Gingerbread Village and Christmas Bazaar. The village humbly began as a few small gingerbread houses in the corner of the

church’s Christmas Bazaar. Today, it is a week-long tradition cherished by the community. Each piece displayed in the village is handcrafted and edible. All items are on sale and will be available for pick up on the final day. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All you can eat breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. St. George’s Episcopal Church, 393 Tucker Hill Rd., Middlebury. 203-758-9864, www.gingerbreadvillagect.com

Dec. 9-10

Eastern Connecticut Ballet’s “The Nutcracker.” New York City Ballet sensation Sara Mearns returns for another breathtaking performance with partner Jared Angle alongside more than 100 dancers from Eastern Connecticut Ballet. The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra performs Tchaikovsky’s masterpiece. Sat. 1:30 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$22-\$49. The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London. 860-444-7373, easternctballet.org



Dec. 9-10

The Nutmeg Ballet’s “The Nutcracker.” Join Clara on a magical journey to the Land of Snow and the Land of Sweets where her most whimsical dreams become reality. Meet a brave Nutcracker prince, fairies, kings and queens, and little toy soldiers who face an evil Mouse Queen in this holiday classic. Sat. 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$24. Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington. 860-489-7180, nutmegconservatory.org/nutcracker

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Holiday Open Studios. Browse a collection of fine art and crafts handmade by more than 70 local, regional and national artists. One-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list. Noon-4 p.m. Free. Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon. 860-678-1867, www.artsfvac.org

Through Dec. 10

Dudley Farm Museum Holiday Open House and Market. Vist the 1844 Dudley Farmhouse and Museum for cookies, carols and merriment, and browse through the 1890 Munger Barn to purchase homegrown and handmade artisanal gifts by more than 30 local vendors. Free. Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Dudley Farm Museum, 2351 Durham Rd., Guilford. 203-457-0770, www.dudleyfarmmuseum.com

Through Dec. 10

Greenleaf Pottery 42nd Annual Open Studio. Purchase individually handcrafted functional stoneware pottery pieces for holiday gift giving and support a local artisan at the same time. “For 42 years I have incorporated my understanding of the pottery process into each piece I make.” –John Macomber. Free. Sat. & Sun. only, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Greenleaf Pottery, 240 Chapel Rd., South Windsor. 860-528-6090, www.greenleafpottery.net

Through Dec. 10

“It’s A Wonderful Life.” Overwhelmed by family obligations and a sense of responsibility towards his community, George Bailey contemplates ending his life. Through divine intervention, George’s guardian angel shows him how many lives he has touched and how different life would be if he had never been born. A heart-warming holiday classic celebrating the lives and dreams of ordinary Americans. Adults \$25, seniors and students \$22. Thomaston Opera House, 158 Main St., Thomaston. 860-283-6250, www.landmarkcommunitytheatre.org

Dec. 10

Sing-in the Holiday Concert. Marissa Famiglietti has been a soprano soloist with the Waterbury Chorale and festival orchestra, a guest artist with the Concert Pops of Long Island and on tour with renowned tenor Michael Amante. 3-5 p.m. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St., Waterbury. 203-753-0381, www.mattmuseum.org

Dec. 10

U.S. Coast Guard Band Holiday Concerts. Celebrate the holidays with two musical performances. “A Family Holiday” matinee led by CWO4 Richard Wyman features holiday classics and new music for the season at 2 p.m. “Songs of the Season” is an evening concert of traditional holiday music along with holiday carols performed by Soprano Megan Weikleengat at 7 p.m. Both concerts are free. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Leamy Concert Hall, 31 Mohegan Ave., New London. www.uscg.mil/community-relations/band

Dec. 10**“Twinkle: A Celestial Celebration.”**

Start the holidays off with the men of the Connecticut Gay Men’s Chorus. Fresh versions of some of your star-themed Christmas favorites, plus the area premiere of James Eakin’s “Stargazing” along with some surprise guest stars. 4 p.m. Tickets \$30. Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main St., Old Saybrook. 860-510-0453, www.thekate.org

Dec. 10**Community HoliDay at the New Britain Museum of American Art.**

Guests can drop into the ArtLab to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa with art

activities or stop by the Education Center to make customized wrapping paper. The Ballet Theatre Company will perform excerpts from their annual “Nutcracker.” Close the day with a performance at 3 p.m. by the Whitechapel Handbell Choir of First Church, West Hartford. Noon-5 p.m. Free. New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St., New Britain. 860-229-0257, www.nbmaa.org

Dec. 10**Holiday Celebrate Style Fashion Show.**

A Holiday Celebrate Style fashion show will be held at the Celebration of American Crafts, an annual exhibition and sale of clothing, jewelry and soft sculptures. Fashion show 1:30-2:30 p.m. Exhibition 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St., New Haven. 203-562-4927, www.celebrationofamericancrafts.com

Dec. 10**Holiday Open House at the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum.**

A family-friendly event with several hours of entertainment featuring dance and choral youth performances and a special appearance by Santa Claus and his elves. Noon-4 p.m. Admission \$5. Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 295 West Ave., Norwalk. 203-838-9799, www.lockwoodmathewsmansion.com

Dec. 10**Christmas & Winter Traditions of Long Ago.**

Join musician Thomas Hooker Hanford for songs and stories. Performance \$7 in addition to museum admission. Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St., Old Lyme. 860-434-5542, www.FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org

Dec. 10

Hanukkah Fair. Eight days of fun rolled into one! Create a menorah, decorate dreidels, listen to some PJ Library stories, make holiday cards and more. Pre-registration requested. Please bring unwrapped pajamas to be donated. Free and open to the community. 1-2:30 p.m. Mandell Jewish Community Center, 335 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford. 860-236-4571, www.mandelljcc.org

Dec. 12**PJ Library Hanukkah Story Time.**

Celebrate Hanukkah at Barnes & Noble with stories for the season. 10:30 a.m. Free. Barnes & Noble, Somerset Square, Glastonbury. Presented by the Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford. 860-236-4571, www.mandelljcc.org

Dec. 13**PJ Library Hanukkah Story Time.**

Celebrate Hanukkah at Barnes & Noble with stories for the season. 10:30 a.m. Free. Barnes & Noble, Blue Back Square, West Hartford. Presented by the Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford. 860-236-4571, www.mandelljcc.org

Hanukkah Foods are Steeped in Tradition

Seasonal gatherings and parties usually center on sumptuous food and drink. Symbolism laces the food served during the eight days of Hanukkah, which begins this year the evening of Dec. 12.

Hanukkah food is rich in fats. Latkes are the hallmark of Hanukkah, so it’s important to celebrate the holiday and enjoy the food without overdoing the carbohydrates or fats.

Although potato pancakes are traditional, they can be made from almost anything, including broccoli, zucchini and potato combined with cauliflower. Nechama Cohen, author of “Enlightened Kosher Cooking,” (Philipp Feldheim, 2006), uses a non-stick skillet, vegetable spray and a small amount of oil to fry latkes. When you use less oil, you must treat the latkes more gently and use a pan that spreads heat evenly, adds Cohen, who is the founder and executive director of the Jewish Diabetes Association, based in Brooklyn, N.Y.

An array of oils, used in moderate amounts, can add flavor and “good fat” to dishes. Cannola, walnut, hazelnut and olive oils are flavorful and perfect for baking, says Cohen.

Sugar substitutes can be used to cut calories in recipes. Try stevia, but practice with small packets until you get a feel of how much to use, Cohen suggests. It does leave an aftertaste if you use too much, she adds.

Also try reducing the amount of egg yolks in recipes, relying on



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Fried jelly doughnuts are a treat enjoyed on Hanukkah.

lower-fat and lower-cholesterol egg whites that also are a good source of protein.

Try using these healthy cooking tips on these traditional Hanukkah food.

- **LATKES:** Fried potato pancakes that can be made with vegetables, such as cauliflower.

- **LOUKOUMADES:** Deep-fried doughnuts dipped in honey or sugar.

- **DAIRY:** Cheese balls can be made with farmer cheese and low-fat ricotta.

- **APPLE SAUCE:** Use Granny Smith apples and an optional sugar substitute.



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BAILEY AT FUNNYBONE

Comedian Ben Bailey performs his standup at The Manchester Funny Bone Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and 10 p.m. each day.

His run at the Funny Bone comes just a few days after "Cash Cab" returned for its season debut on The Discovery Channel on Monday at 10 p.m.

Bailey, who has won three Emmys for outstanding game show host for the show, also does the podcast "Tall But True." \$20. hartford.funnybone.com.

**IMPROVISING SCROOGE**

In recent months, Sea Tea Improv has improvised works by Tennessee Williams and Oscar Wilde. Now is clearly the appropriate time for Dickens. "An Improvised Christmas Carol" runs Thursday to Dec. 17 at the troupe's own Sea Tea Comedy Theater, 15 Asylum St., Hartford.

What odd new directions will this classic holiday tale go in? That's up to you, as audience suggestions shape the show. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. plus a toned-down "Family Show" Sunday at 2 p.m. \$15, \$10 for children.

For a wider-ranging seasonal satire, Sea Tea also has a "Humbug Holiday Sketch Show" scheduled for Saturday at 10 p.m., right after that night's performance of "An Improvised Christmas Carol." \$10. 860-578-4TEA and seateaimprov.com.

**DECEMBER DREAMS**

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra presents December Dreams, Friday to Sunday at the Belding Theater at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford. Performances are Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. hartfordsymphony.org.



This Week's **BEST BETS**

VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS

Here are a few of the many versions of "The Nutcracker" on Connecticut stages this week: Friday to Dec. 17 at the University of Hartford's Hartt School, starring New York City Ballet soloists Erica Pereira and Daniel Ulbricht in the Millard Auditorium in West Hartford (\$15-\$30, 860-768-4228, hartford.edu); "Albano's Nutcracker" Friday to Sunday at Mohegan Sun's Cabaret Theatre (\$32-\$38, 888-226-7711, mohegansun.com); and Eastern CT Ballet's rendition Saturday and Sunday at Garde Arts Cente in New London (\$22-\$49, 860-444-7373, gardearts.org).

**GAY MEN'S CHORUSES**

The Hartford Gay Men's Chorus presents "From Tinseltown to Times Square: A Holiday Adventure" Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford. \$35 to \$45. hartfordgaymenschorus.com

Also Sunday (at 4 p.m.), the Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus performs "Twinkle: A Celestial Celebration" at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook. \$30. thekate.org and 877-503-1286.

**UGLY SWEATER RUN**

Who cares about a few mothballs? Grab your ugliest sweater and run to sign up for the Saturday 5K starting at 11 p.m. at Bushnell Park in Hartford. Hundreds are expected at the race, which will include massive inflatables, photo stations, games and holiday music. Post-run goodies include a Kahlúa cocktail, and other holiday treats. Awards for best ugly sweater, best kids' sweater, best pet attire and best real/fake facial hair. \$45 in advance: bib pickup is Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Fleet Feet Sports in West Hartford. Event day bib pickup is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the park. Bushnell Park Registration and rules at theuglysweaterrun.com.



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Tig Notaro's Versatile, Smart, Incisive, Aware

When Tig Notaro took part in Connecticut Forum's "Laughter, Anyone?" event at The Bushnell a few weeks ago, she got her first laughs within seconds of strolling onstage. With her natural grace and wit, she held her own against the most loquacious Marc Maron and the more

exhibitionist Fred
Armisen.

She had
the
crowd
roaring
at her

deadpan comebacks. She circled back to catchphrases and created recurring jokes, using references from earlier on in the discussion. She even did some low-key physical shtick, using the forum's giant projection screen to draw attention to the back of her head.

It was a beautifully balanced, carefully calibrated appearance. And this was just Notaro in an informal chat, essentially just being herself.

Notaro's everything a modern-day comedian should be: versatile, quick on her feet, smart, incisive, skeptical, progressive, aware of the world around her and her place in it. She stars in the semi-autobiographical TV series "One Mississippi" on Amazon Prime, but she made her name as a special sort of stand-up comedian, ruminating on such uncomfortable topics as her own cancer diagnosis. She uses quiet irony the way other comedians use double-takes.

Tig Notaro returns to College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven (which she first played shortly after the venue opened two and a half years ago) for one of her well-honed stand-up sets Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. \$35-\$40. 203-867-2000, collegestreetmusichall.com.

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DAN STEVENS: 5:30 p.m. Lisa's Crown and Hammer Restaurant and Pub, Collinsville. 860-693-9199, crownandhammer.com.

CELTIC HOLIDAY CONCERT: 1 p.m.
Traditional Irish fiddler Deirdre McMorrow

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Manross Memorial Library, Bristol.
860-584-7790. BristolLib.com.

FALL OUT BOY WITH BLEACHERS AND ARIZONA: 7:30 p.m. Reserved: \$75, \$45, \$35. Plus fees. Toyota Oakdale Theatre, Wallingford. 203-265-1501, oakdale.com.

GRACE KELLY: 8 p.m. \$29-\$44. Infinity Music Hall and Bistro, Norfolk. 866-666-6306, infinityhall.com.

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EVENTS

What To Do On New Year's Eve in Connecticut

Before we know it we'll be celebrating that the holidays are behind us. So you're not caught without a way to celebrate the new year ahead, we've gathered a partial list of options.

First Night

First Night Hartford is coming, with face painting, fireworks, fortune tellers, folk music, funny improv comedy and hours of festive family fun on New Year's Eve.

The 29th annual city tradition, which was saved from extinction this summer by a sizable private donation that made up for municipal funding cuts, will be held Dec. 31 in locations around downtown, from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Among the activities already scheduled are: face painting in the Old State House and the Center Church on Gold Street; fortune tellers at the Elks Club on Prospect Street; a grand procession starting at Bushnell Park Plaza; horse-drawn wagon rides starting at the Bushnell Park carousel; ice skating in Bushnell Park; slime making at the carousel; rides on the carousel; Kids Fest at the Old State House; hands-on art activities at Wadsworth Atheneum; dance parties on Trinity Street; a maze in

Center Church; stand-up comedy by Sea Tea Improv at Central Baptist Church; fireworks at both 6 p.m. and midnight; and a variety of concerts throughout the day and evening.

The UConn women's basketball team will play the Memphis Tigers that day at the XL Center starting at 1:30 p.m. The game isn't part of First Night, but is a fun segue into the day of activities.

A wristband — \$12 for adults, \$3 ages 3 to 15, free 2 and younger — will grant admission to the activities. (Some activities require additional fees.) The final day to buy one online is Dec. 26. A shipping charge of \$2.50 will be added for each order.

Wristbands also can be bought in person in advance at the AAA branch offices in West Hartford, Avon, Cromwell, Enfield, Manchester, Plainville, Old Saybrook and Waterford; offices of CBT/Berkshire Bank in Farmington, Glastonbury, Newington, Rocky Hill, Vernon, West Hartford and Windsor; the CT Transit Information Booth in State House Square; Highland Park Markets in Farmington, Glastonbury, Manchester, South Windsor, Suffield and Coventry; at the Old State House; at the Radisson Hotel Hartford; and at Whole Foods in West

Hartford.

For details and updates on activities, locations and times, to buy wristbands in advance and to find sites where wristbands will be sold on the day of the event, visit firstnighthartford.org.

Concerts

You don't have to spend every New Year's Eve trying to make it to midnight. Here are five concerts to take in with copious amounts of bubbly, before and after the ball drops.

► **Max Creek:** Connecticut's groove-rock kings serve up party favors, a giant balloon drop and a continental breakfast, served with plenty of jams. Creamery Station opens. Toad's Place, New Haven. 9 p.m. \$25-\$30. toadsplace.com

► **Robin Thicke:** Musical "borrowings" (cough Marvin Gaye) aside, Thicke's retro-soul stylings (and excellent coiff) might help us all lay 2017 to rest. Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville. 8 p.m. \$39. mohegansun.com

► **The Samples:** Dance all night to reggae-ish rock from the '90s, served with craft beer in a great-sounding venue, just a short train ride from NYC. The Warehouse,

Fairfield. \$65-\$115. fairfieldtheatre.org

► **Tower of Power:** Two blistering, classic-funk shows (7 p.m. and 9 p.m.) in the capital city with your pals seems almost too good to be true. Infinity Hall, Hartford. \$74-\$195. infinityhall.com

► **The B-52s:** "Love Shack" was a monster party song in 1989. Really, wasn't that a better year? Grand Theater at Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket. 9 p.m. \$55. foxwoods.com

Parties, Nightclubs And Restaurants

► **The New England Carousel Museum** in Bristol hosts New Year's Eve with music and dancing courtesy of The Chaparrals from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$40 per person. Reservations: 860-585-5411 and thecarouselmuseum.org

► **Powder Ridge** in Middlefield hosts a New Year's Eve celebration that starts with a Torchlight parade at 5 p.m. that anyone with a lift pass can join. Participants should be at the top of the mountain by 4:45 and bring their own headlamps. A dinner party at Fire at the

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COMEDY

Where To Ring In The New Year With Laughs

By CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT

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Ha-ha, Happy New Year! You've heard the jokes: "A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."

"A New Year's resolution is a fragile bit of crockery fashioned on the first day of January and usually broken on the second."

"This is the first day of January: I'll give you one day to stop drinking."

"All right — I'll take the Fourth of July."

Those ancient groaners (drawn from 1940s reference works "Thesaurus of Humor" and "Esar's Comic Dictionary") should resolve you to find better, more current gags to brighten up the last hours of 2017.

It shouldn't be difficult. The final week of December is when theaters that have spent December largely dormant (or in the thrall of Christmas shows) break loose again. For years, comedy has been as big an element in the New Year's experience as Broadway concerts, swing bands or noisemakers.

Because New Year's Day falls on a Monday this year, a lot of venues are starting the celebrations early, with Friday and Saturday comedy shows instead of actual New Year's Eve observations.

The latest "Best of Boston Comedy Festival" shows at the **Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center** are Dec. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m., bringing in a gaggle of stand-ups from the reliably raucous Boston comedy scene. (The names of the specific performers at The Kate's events have yet to be divulged.) Tickets are \$25 to \$30. Seating includes the usual auditorium plus cabaret tables in front the stage. 877-503-1286 and katharinehepburntheater.org.

Bob DiBuono, who gets an early start on New Year revelry with an 8 p.m. Dec. 29 stand-up set at **Stamford Palace**, has become known for his Donald Trump impersonation. He played the president regularly on the late, lamented "Nightly Show" on Comedy Central last year. He also does other impersonations, as well as "everyman" observational comedy about the struggles of daily existence in these United States. Tickets are \$19. 203-325-4466, palacestamford.org.



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The biggest comedy names playing Connecticut hit the state's resort casinos. HBO "Last Week Tonight" host **John Oliver** does two shows at **Foxwoods** on Dec. 29 at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.; then another two Dec. 30 at 7 and 10 p.m. (The big New Year's Eve event at Foxwoods is a concert by The B-52s, plus special parties at the resort casino's Shrine, Scorpion Bar, High Rollers and Hard Rock Cafe clubs.) John Oliver tickets are \$74 and \$89. 800-FOXWOODS and foxwoods.com.

While John Oliver is convulsing Foxwoods, **Kevin Hart** brings his "Irresponsible Tour" to **Mohegan Sun Arena** at 8 p.m. Dec. 30. Tickets are \$79 to \$155. On New Year's Eve proper, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31, **Mohegan Sun's Comix** comedy club presents **Paul Mercurio**, who wrote for "The Daily Show" from 1996 to 2002 and has performed on Comedy Central and Stephen Colbert's "The Late Show." Mercurio does two shows, at 7:30 p.m. (\$25 to \$55) and 10 p.m. (\$45 to \$110). There's a \$10 food and drink minimum. 888-226-7711 and mohegansun.com.

At some Connecticut theaters, New Year's Eve comedy has been a longstanding annual tradition. On Dec. 31, **Seven Angels Theatre** in Waterbury offers "Stand Up, Count Down — New Year's Eve Comedy Night." Four New York funny people will share the laughs: comedian/actor/kid's book author **Gianmarco Soresi**, self-described "Greek Goddess of Comedy" **Ellen Karis**, **Mike Dugan** (author of the book "Men Fake Foreplay") and headliner **Joe Matarese**, who's appeared everywhere from "Comedy Central Presents" and "America's Got Talent" to Bravo's "Better



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JOHN OLIVER, top left, is at Foxwoods Dec. 29 and 30. Kevin Hart, top right, plays Mohegan on Dec. 30. Josh Blue, above, is at the Funny Bone Dec. 31.

Half" and hosts the forthcoming podcast "Stand-Up Lie Down." There are two performances, an early 6:30 p.m. show and then a 9:30 p.m. show that will morph into an appetizers-and-champagne toast event at midnight. The early show is \$55, the later one \$65. 203-757-4676 and sevenangelstheatre.org.

The Funny Bone comedy club at the Shoppes at Bucklands Hill mall in Manchester rings in 2018 with **Josh Blue**, with two shows on Dec. 31 at 7 and 10 p.m. for \$25. Blue, who has cerebral palsy and jokes about it in his act, has visited the Funny Bone before. He was a winner of the fourth season of the TV comedy competition "Last Comic Standing." 860-432-8600 and hartford.funnybone.com.

Playhouse on Park in West Hartford is offering a special New Year's performance of its ribald revue "**Mama D's Christmas Stocking: Where's Santa?**" The 8 p.m. show is preceded by

a reception with wine, beer and appetizers in the theater lobby, then followed by a champagne toast, desserts and a dance party on the playhouse stage. "**Mama D's Christmas Stocking: Where's Santa?**" is a no-holds-barred modern-day burlesque show, with blue comedy, scantily clad dancers, rowdy singers and musicians and specialty acts. Tickets are \$60; details at 860-523-5900 and playhouseonpark.org.

In decades past, the legendary **Shubert** theater in New Haven has hosted everyone from the illusionists Penn and Teller to Broadway diva Betty Buckley on New Year's Eve. In recent years, comedy has been a constant. This year, the Shubert's "**First Night of Funny**" New Year's Eve comedy show features three seasoned stand-ups: **Eddie Brill**, who used to book comics for David Letterman's "Late Show" and was also the comedian who'd warm up audiences for the broadcasts; **Earl David Reed**, whose reportedly made the leap to a comedy career while attending college and working at a comedy club in Connecticut decades ago; and New Jersey raised "Last Comic Standing" semifinalist **Mike Gaffney**. \$30-\$40. 203-562-5666 and shubert.com.

Treehouse Comedy Productions, which has been promoting comedy shows in Connecticut for more than three decades, has two separate "**Laugh-In 2018**" New Year's shows happening Dec. 31. One is at **Bobby V's** in Windsor Locks, with **Jim David**, **Leighann Lord** and Connecticut's own **Darren Rivera**; a dinner-and-show package is \$88. The other is at **Bistro B** in Westport with **Brian Scott McFadden** (whose voice you've heard in animated features such as "Top Cat" and "Ice Age"), **Melvin George** and **Sean Morton**. 203-230-8700 and treehousecomedy.com.

As one of Connecticut's funniest people ever, Mark Twain, wrote in a column published on Jan. 1 in the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise newspaper, "New Year's is a harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls, and humbug resolutions, and we wish you to enjoy it with a looseness suited to the greatness of the occasion."

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Ridge from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. includes a four course prix fixe dinner, a DJ, dancing and a champagne toast. Cash bar. \$74. 860-852-5444. powderridgepark.com/

► **Playhouse on Park** in West Hartford hosts a New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. that includes a performance of "Mama D's Christmas Stocking: Where's Santa?" The night starts with a pre-show reception in the Playhouse lobby that includes the show's cast, wine, beer and appetizers. Guests then move into the theater for the performance, which ends in time for the clock to strike midnight. A champagne toast and desserts follow, as well as dancing and celebrating on stage. Tickets are \$60 at the box office, at 860-523-5900 x10, and at playhouseonpark.org.

► **Cabaret at Cafe Nine in New Haven:** New Haven drag queen Robin Banks and Cafe Nine invite you to their "Fully Loaded New Year's Eve" burlesque bash starting at 9 p.m. Also joining the party will be burlesque dancers Vivienne LaFlamme and Dot Mitzvah and queens Loozey LaDuca and Mia E Z'Lay. \$15. 21-plus crowd. cafenine.com

► **Murder Mystery Masquerade Cruise:** from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Lady Katherine Cruises at Charter Oak Landing in Hartford. Tickets start at \$165. More information: 866-867-4837; ladykatecruises.com

► **Saint Clement's Castle & Marina** in Portland hosts a party from 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. with party favors, premium brand open bar, champagne toast at midnight, four-course menu, late-night snacks and a DJ. \$130 per person. \$99 room rate. stclementsevents.com/new-years-eve-ball

► **Saybrook Point Inn's** annual New Year's Eve gala begins at 7:30 p.m., with raw bar, passed appetizers, a full sit-down meal and dancing to live music by The Cartells. The gala also features premium open bar, noisemakers, champagne toast at midnight and dessert, coffee and espresso stations. \$139.95. Overnight packages are also available. 860-339-1327, saybrook.com.

► **At Water's Edge Resort and Spa** in Westbrook, a New Year's dinner and party package, at \$139 a person plus tax and gratuity, includes butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, premium open bar, a four-course dinner, live entertainment, dancing, and champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight. The event begins at 7 p.m. Overnight packages are available. 800-222-5901 or 860-399-5901; watersedgeresortandspa.com.

► **Farmington Gardens** in Farmington hosts its annual New Year's celebration, starting at 9 p.m. with passed hors d'oeuvres, raw bar, food stations, open bar with select wine, beer and liquor and a Veuve Clicquot champagne toast. Music by DJ Darth Fader, dancing, photo booth and late-night munchies. \$95 before Dec. 26; \$110 after. eventbee.com/v/farmingtongardens.

► The **Bond Ballroom** in Hartford hosts a New Year's Eve party with passed hors d'oeuvres, four-hour open bar with wine, beer and liquor; music by The POSSM and a DJ; champagne toast and midnight fireworks show. \$125 before Dec. 20; \$150 after. A portion of each ticket will be donated to support the Helen and Harry



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ROBIN THICKE plays Mohegan at 8 p.m.

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At The Casinos

► **Mohegan Sun** rings in the New Year with myriad events: an all-night New Year's Eve celebration at several locations.

► The casino's "Party into the New Year!" starts at 10:30 p.m. in the Uncas Ballroom, with dancing and music by NYC's DJ PSL, an open bar, a champagne toast at midnight and a breakfast buffet. Tickets start at \$100 at the box office and at ticketmaster.com. (\$150 at the door). 21+ event. VIP reservations at 860-861-0744.

► **The Countdown Party at The Shops at Mohegan Sun** runs from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. with music spun by DJae Melee, a performance by The Jat Crew Dancers and a countdown to midnight that concludes with a pyrotechnic display.

► **VISTA Lounge's** party from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. features music by DJ Joe Moore. Tickets start at \$60 at ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-745-3000. \$100 at the door. Tickets include a champagne toast. 21-plus.

► **At Avalon**, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Tom Macari provides the music. Tickets \$75 to \$100 and include a champagne toast. ticketmaster.com and 800-745-3000. VIP reservations at 860-862-7042. **Mist's** party starts at 10 p.m. with DJ Johnny Shine. No cover. VIP reservations at 860-862-3663.

► **The Lansdowne Irish Pub & Music House** features music by DJ Mike City starting at 9 p.m. Tickets start at \$30 at the box office and at 860-862-7005. At ►

Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, live music by the band Kick starts at 10 p.m. mohegansun.com.

► **At Foxwoods, Shrine's** party starts at 9 p.m. with music by DJ JD. \$50. **Hard Rock Cafe** gets going at 10 p.m. (\$30), featuring Darik and the Funbags. At **High Rollers**, tickets are \$20, with a 9 p.m. start and music by DJ John Cardona. The action at **Scorpion Bar** starts at 9 p.m. with DJ Jay Spring. \$50. foxwoods.com.

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\$30-\$35. Webster Theater, Hartford. 860-525-5553, webstertheater.com.

JAVANESE GAMELAN: 7 p.m. Free. Wesleyan University, World Music Hall, Middletown. 860-685-3355, wesleyan.edu.

JOHN CAGE'S 'MUSICIRCUS': 2:15 p.m. Free. Wesleyan University, Crowell Concert Hall, Middletown. 860-685-3355, wesleyan.edu.

LARRY CAMPBELL AND TERESA WILLIAMS: 7:30 p.m. Multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter Campbell and singer-guitarist Williams \$30. Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Old Saybrook. 860-510-0473, thekate.org.

MUSCADINE BLOODLINE: 8 p.m. Natives of Mobile, Alabama, Gary Stanton and Charlie Muncaster came together to form Muscadine Bloodline in early 2016. Free. Mohegan Sun Wolf Den, Uncasville. 888-226-7711, mohegansun.com.

MUSEUM AFTER HOURS: HOLIDAY HARP CONCERT: 6 p.m. With harpist Cate Mahoney. \$6; members free. New England Carousel Museum, Bristol. 860-585-5411, thecarouselmuseum.org.

ROHN LAWRENCE AND FRIENDS: 8 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchirtavern.com.

TIM CURRIE'S MERRY MOTOWN REVIEW: 7:30 p.m. Ridgefield Playhouse. 203-438-5795, ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

TOKYO POLICE CLUB WITH VERN MATZ: 8 p.m. \$20. The Ballroom at The Outer Space, Hamden. 203-288-6400, theouterspace.net.

WORLD PERCUSSION CONCERT: 7:30 p.m. Free. Fine Arts Instructional Center - Concert Hall, Willimantic. easternct.edu.

FRIDAY

BROCA'S AREA ALBUM RELEASE: 8 p.m. \$12; \$24 VIP. 41 Bridge Street Live, Collinsville. 860-693-9762, 41bridgestreet.com.

BROKEN ARROW: THE MUSIC OF NEIL YOUNG: 8 p.m. Broken Arrow performs the music of Neil Young. \$40. Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Old Saybrook. 860-510-0473, thekate.org.

CHRISTMAS ON MINNECHAUG MOUNTAIN: 7:30 p.m. Amy Gallatin lends her trademark western flavor to this annual acoustic Christmas show with her partner, renowned resophonic guitarist Roger Williams, along with the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass band and vocalist Karen Lincoln Wilbur. \$15. Buckingham Congregational Church, Glastonbury. 860-633-7992, christmasinnewengland.net.

CROSSING: A MUSICAL JOURNEY: 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. All Souls Church, New London. 860-443-0316, allsoulsnewlondon.org.

DIZZY REED: 8 p.m. Best known for his tenure as the keyboardist, pianist and percussionist for the Rock band Guns N Roses, with whom he has played, toured and recorded since 1990. Free. Mohegan Sun Wolf Den, Uncasville. 888-226-7711, mohegansun.com.

DRIVING IRIS: 9:30 p.m. Lisa's Crown and Hammer Restaurant and Pub, Collinsville. 860-693-9199,

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Get Away with Friendship Tours *By Sally Martino*

When Lois Isaacson was a Girl Scout in the 1950s, her troop raised enough money selling fresh eggs to fund an eight-week trip to Europe. "It was a pivotal moment in her development," says her daughter, Amy Isaacson Schoen. The girls in the troop developed an understanding of other cultures and became lifelong friends.

In 1977, Lois recalled that childhood experience when she married her love for travel and the memory of the lasting friendships she made in Europe to found Friendship Tours & The Ship Shop. Her clients affectionately dubbed her "Hi-Lo" – short for "Hi, Lois!" Over the years, Friendship Tours grew to specialize in day and overnight trips by motorcoach, cruises, Broadway-bound excursions, and fly tours to Europe and national parks in the United States.

Fast forward to 2017, and the Bloomfield-based travel company is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Amy and her twin brother, Brett Isaacson, now co-owners of the business since Lois passed away in 2014, are carrying on their



Alaska

Ship Shop Escorted Cruises

- **March 17-28, 2018:** Holland America Koningsdam 11 nights, Southern Caribbean with Fort Lauderdale stay
- **April 28-May 10, 2018:** Celebrity Eclipse 11 nights, Ireland, Iceland & Scotland with Dublin stay
- **May 6-19, 2018:** Celebrity Silhouette 12 nights, Scandinavia & Russia
- **June 8-20, 2018:** Coral Princess 12 nights, Alaska Land & Cruise

Motorcoach Day Trips departing from West Hartford & Manchester

- **Dec. 30,** Foxwoods Casino with bonus, \$45
- **Feb. 3,** Metropolitan Museum of Art, Special Michelangelo Exhibit, NYC, \$84 adult, \$80 senior
- **Feb. 17,** American Museum of Natural History & Space Show, NYC, \$87 adult, \$79 child
- **Feb. 24,** Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center, NYC, La Boheme, \$165

Motorcoach Overnight Tours departing from West Hartford & Manchester

- **Mar. 23-26,** Washington, D.C., \$645 pp double
- **May 4-6,** Penn Dutch, Jesus at Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA, \$499 pp double
- **May 20-22,** 1000 Islands, Alexandria Bay, NY, \$519 pp double

Motorcoach Overnight Tours departing from Waterbury & Danbury

- **May 8-10,** Magnificent Homes of the DuPont Family, West Chester, PA, \$511 pp double
- **June 11-13,** Penn Dutch, Jesus at Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA, \$451 pp double
- **June 27-29,** Atlantic City, NJ, Resorts Casino, \$279 pp double

mother's legacy. "Our concept of group travel is that travel is something you do with others," Amy says. "It's meant to be a shared experience."

Whether the destination is a city in the United States or abroad, travel can help to promote understanding, they say. "We believe that if you travel and see the world, you develop a world view," Amy says. "Travel helps us to understand other cultures." Brett describes a recent Holland tour that offered a chance to meet Dutch residents. "There were 25 of us on a walking tour, and groups of eight went into homes and had tea," he says. "It was a one-on-one opportunity to meet the people."

In running the business, the brother-and-sister team complements each other's strengths. As a leader, Brett looks at the "big picture" to develop ideas to expand the company and offer more services to clients. Amy, who revels in managing details, finds the best ways to implement her brother's ideas.

That attention to detail extends to the kinds of trips and amenities that are Friendship Tours' specialty. A tour operator rather than a travel agency, the experienced staff at Friendship Tours can take care of every aspect of a trip. "We package travel so that you're getting a start-to-finish itinerary," Amy says. A getaway package covers transportation, hotels, and admission to landmarks, for example, while a cruise might include transportation to the point of departure. "We do special cocktail parties for The Ship Shop group and arrange for extra activities on-board ship," Brett says.

A tour manager escorts many of the company's tours. This travel leader guides a group through the airport, supervises the itinerary or trouble-shoots any problems that might arise. In addition to a bank of tour managers, the Friendship Tours office has a full-time staff that can book trips, research itineraries or custom-tailor a trip for a group such as a family



Brett & Amy with a portrait of their mother

reunion or convention gathering. "We have an amazing staff of 12 persons, including some people who have been with us for 30 years," Amy says. "We like to say that we have 180 years of travel-planning experience."

Although the Internet offers the opportunity for a traveler to book his or her own trip, Brett and Amy find that clients are returning to travel experts for advice because there is too much information online. "We pride ourselves on having the expertise and relationships with vendors to be able to parse through what's available and find [the trip] that is right for them,"

Amy says. Her brother adds, "From the time of booking to their return, we're here to help [clients] get that extra little bit of service."

Friendship Tours offers a wide variety of day and extended trips and tours. Some are exclusive to the company such as the "lunch and a show" events at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Singer Bobby Rydell will perform at the Aqua Turf in August, 2018. "These are high-end musical productions plus a really nice lunch," Brett says.

The popular motorcoach day and overnight trips have traditionally departed from locations in West Hartford and Manchester, but Friendship Tours continues to add departure points. There are trips leaving from convenient locations in Waterbury and Danbury, and Hadley and West Springfield, Mass. The ever-popular show bus to Broadway lets someone else do the driving to the Big Apple. The show bus originates in Springfield and travels I-91 to pick-up spots in Windsor, Cromwell, and Milford.

For more information about tours and services offered by Friendship Tours, visit www.friendshiptours.net where you can register on the home page to receive updates by email. Additional information is available on Facebook. To request a catalog or more information, call the office at 800-243-1630 or email office@friendshiptours.net.

SOUNDCHECK

Jackson Browne, G. Love & Special Sauce Plan Dates

By MICHAEL HAMAD

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LIVE NATION

JACKSON BROWNE will perform at Toyota Oakdale May 10.

Jackson Browne & His Full Band (\$38-\$99) perform at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford on May 10 at 7:30 p.m. oakdale.com

Comedian **Kevin Hart** (\$86-\$151) will appear at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport on March 17 at 7 p.m. livenation.com

Dane Cook (\$19-\$59) does stand-up at COMIX Mohegan Sun in Uncasville on April 21 at 8 p.m. mohegansun.com

Bad Bad Hats (\$12) plays the Ballroom at the Outer Space in Hamden on Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m., followed by **Tiny Moving Parts** (\$13-\$15) on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., with **Mom Jeans** and **Oso Oso** opening; **Declan McKenna** (\$15) on Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.; and **Acid Mothers Temple** (\$15) on April 20 at 8 p.m. manicpresents.com

G. Love & Special Sauce (\$27-\$54) performs at Infinity Hall in Hartford on Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. infinityhall.com

Toad's Place in New Haven welcomes **Felly** (\$25-\$30) on Dec. 30 at 9 p.m., followed by **Jacob Sartorius** (\$25-\$30) on Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m., with **Zach Clayton**, **Hayden Summerall** and **Luna Blaise** opening; and **Papadosio** (\$16-\$20) on Feb. 11 at 9 p.m., with **Aqueous** opening. toadsplace.com

Emo Night Brooklyn (\$10) takes place at the Webster Underground in Hartford on Jan. 26 at 9:30 p.m. webstertheater.com

StageOne in Fairfield hosts the **Secret Sisters** (\$25) on May 16. fairfieldtheatre.org

Joey Sprinkles (\$5) performs at Cafe Nine in New Haven on Jan. 16 at 9 p.m., followed by **Goodnight Blue Moon** (\$5) on Jan. 19 at 9 p.m., with **Stefanie Austin** and the **Palomino Club**; **Aisha Burns** (\$8-\$10) on Jan. 23 at 9 p.m.; and **Jounce** (\$5, free with RSVP) on Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. cafenine.com

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crownandhammer.com.

ELIOT LEWIS: 8:30 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN: 7:30 p.m. West Hartford Women's Chorale winter concert. Trinity Episcopal Church - Portland, Portland. whwchorale.org.

GARNET ROGERS: 8 p.m. Maria Sangiolo opens. Rogers has established himself as one of the major talents of our time. \$20. Vanilla Bean Cafe, Pomfret Center. 860-928-1562, thevanillabeancafe.com.

JOHN BRIGHENTI: 6:30 p.m. Jazz piano. Vito's Pizzeria and Restaurant, Wethersfield. 860 563 3333.

LOCOMOTIVES: 7 p.m. Adams Mill Restaurant, Manchester. 860-646-4039, theadamsmill.com.

MARKS BROTHERS FEAT. MEMBERS OF MAX CREEK: 10 p.m. \$7 advance; \$10 door. Arch Street Tavern, Hartford. 860-246-7610, archstreettavern.com.

MUSIC AND MANTRA KIRTAN WITH CHARLIE BRAUN: 7 p.m. Charlie Braun delivers kirtan in the Western style: a fusion of melodic folk rock that meanders into reggae, blues, and other musical forays while staying true to the heart-opening power of Sanskrit mantras. \$15. Unitarian Universalist Society: East, Manchester. 8606465151, uuse.org.

NOCHE DE MÚSICA FEATURING VILLALOBOS BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. \$20; \$15 seniors and students. Paul Mellon Arts Center, Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford. 203-697-2398, choate.edu.

P.M.O CD RELEASE SHOW WITH MIKE SQUIRES, JET PERRY, AND BRAIN WILSON: 7 p.m. \$5. The Space, Hamden. 203-288-6400, thespacect.com.

SHEPHERDS AND KINGS: 7 p.m. It's Christmas and city slicker Gerald King is trying to find a way to bring his family closer together. Free. Liberty Baptist Church, Bristol. 860-589-0000, libertybaptist-ct.org.

THE ANNUAL ENSEMBLE NIGHT: 7 p.m. \$35-\$50. Westport Country Playhouse. 203-227-4177,

westportplayhouse.org.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DENVER: ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS WITH CHRIS COLLINS AND BOULDER CANYON: 8 p.m.

\$29-\$44. Infinity Music Hall and Bistro, Norfolk. 866-666-6306, infinityhall.com.

VITAMIN B-3: 9 p.m. Black-Eyed Sally's, Hartford. 860-278-7427, blackeyedsallys.com.

WESLEYAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Free. Wesleyan University, Crowell Concert Hall, Middletown. 860-685-3355, wesleyan.edu.

WEST HARTFORD WOMEN'S CHORALE WINTER CONCERT: 7:30 p.m. Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols will be the featured piece. Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford. 860-527-8133, trinityhartford.org.

SATURDAY

A CHRISTMAS ROSE: VERNON CHORALE: 7:30 p.m. \$15; \$10 seniors and students. St. Bernard Church, Vernon Rockville. 860-487-7204, vernonchorale.org.

A PENTATONIX CHRISTMAS TOUR: Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m. \$45-\$65 plus fees. Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville. 888-226-7711, mohegansun.com.

A QUIET CORNER CHRISTMAS: 8 p.m. \$10. Vanilla Bean Cafe, Pomfret Center. 860-928-1562, thevanillabeancafe.com.

ACTION BRONSON - BLUE CHIPS 7000 TOUR: 7:30 p.m. \$35. Webster Theater, Hartford. 860-525-5553, webstertheater.com.

AMERICANA: 7:30 p.m. \$25; \$10 students and USNH members. Unitarian Society of New Haven, Hamden. 203-288-1807, musichavenct.org.

BEAMS OF HOPE: NOVI CANTORI IN CONCERT: 7:30 p.m. Free. Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford. novicantori.org.

BLIND WILLIE WITH FRANK CRITELLI: 8 p.m. Free. The Outer Space, Hamden. 203-288-6400, theouterspace.net.

CARRIE ASHTON: 5 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

CHORUS ANGELICUS AND GAUDEAMUS: 4 p.m. Choirs will perform their Christmas program

with narrator John McDonough. Reception follows concert, Free; donations accepted. Emanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester. emanuelmanchester.org.

JAZZ SERIES: KEVIN HARRIS PROJECT: 7:30 p.m. \$15 advance; \$20 door; student price \$10 at the door (with valid ID). The Packing House, Willington. 518-791-9474, thepackinghouse.us.

FEED THE NEED: 9:30 p.m. Lisa's Crown and Hammer Restaurant and Pub, Collinsville. 860-693-9199, crownandhammer.com.

GRAYSON HUGH AND THE MOON HAWKS: 9 p.m. Black-Eyed Sally's, Hartford. 860-278-7427, blackeyedsallys.com.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: 8 p.m. Featuring Master Voices chorus. \$25 and up. Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford. 203-325-4466, stamfordsymphony.org.

HOLIDAY HANDBELL CONCERT: 7 p.m. The Hockanum Valley Ringers. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church, Vernon, Vernon Rockville. (860) 875-2170, hvringers.org.

HOLIDAY VOYAGE: 7 p.m. \$10. Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield. 203-374-2777, https://web.ovationtix.com.

KEN SERIO JAZZ TRIO: 8 p.m. Serio is a professional recording, touring and teaching drummer. \$10. Buttonwood Tree, Middletown. 860-347-4957, buttonwood.org.

LOVE WINS! BENEFIT CONCERT: 8 p.m. A celebration of music to benefit the Ana Márquez-Greene Scholarship Fund at WCSU. \$35; \$50 VIP. Western Connecticut State University, Visual and Performing Arts Center, Danbury. 203-837-8486, wcsu.edu.

NATALIE MACMASTER AND DONNELL LEAHY: 8 p.m. Cabaret fare, dessert & cash bar. \$30-\$45. Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, Storrs Mansfield. 860-486-4226, jorgensen.uconn.edu.

PARKVILLE CLASSICALS: NOVI CANTORI: 7:30 p.m. Seating limited. Reception follows. Free. Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford. 860-233-0825, gracehartford.org.

PROJECT UNDERGROUND: 7 p.m. \$10-\$20. The Space, Hamden. 203-288-6400, thespacect.com.

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Lil Pump

At The Dome At Oakdale

RAP

Lil Pump likes to brag about having sex with partners from other countries. The rapper likes to brag about having cars from other countries, too. And there's a fair amount of bragging about jewelry, cash and recreational drug intake. None of that is terribly unusual in hip-hop.

Lil Pump's style and sound aren't all that unusual either: he deploys some of those popular bird-call trills and he has a habit of dropping leaden "oohs" and "yeahs" on the beat. Pump makes trap, with those skittering metallic drum programs, skeletal minor-key TV-crime-drama mini motifs, and deep-structure sub-bass sounds.

Lil Pump was — and this is crazy — actually born in the 21st Century (in 2000). He's 17.

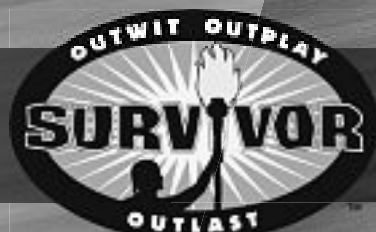
That might explain the grid-like feel to some of

his flow. He takes barely accented repetition and turns it into a thing. Listen to his big single "Gucci Gang," which is based on the speedy repetition of that title. The rapping stands out in contrast to that of guests like Gucci Mane and 2 Chainz, whose phrasing is more choppy, inventive and varied.

Pump, who comes from Miami, Fla., is at his most interesting when he's at his weirdest, like on "Flex Like Ouu," which sounds like some menacing narcotized square-dance calling.

See Lil Pump at The Dome at Toyota Presents Oakdale Theater, 95 S. Turnpike Road, Wallingford, on Monday, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. 203-265-1501, livenation.com.

—John Adamian, Special to The Courant



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The band delivers these classic songs faithfully while taking them out on some jamming excursions and tastefully tweaking some of the arrangements. Joe Mass nails the Neil vocals perfectly and the harmonies are spot on.

12/12 Kate Classic Film: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 50th Anniversary!
Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn (who won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance) are unforgettable as perplexed parents in this landmark 1967 movie about mixed marriage. Join us for as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this classic film shown on the Kate's Big Screen.

12/15 Samantha Fish
While she's well known as a purveyor of blues, having been lauded by such legends as Buddy Guy, the Royal Southern Brotherhood and Luther Dickinson, her real love is simply raw, scrappy rock and roll.

12/16 Children's Series: A Christmas Carol
A Christmas Carol captures both the humorous and touching moments of the classic story with witty dialogue and fresh new songs, conveying Dickens' original message that the holiday season should be a "kind, forgiving, charitable time."
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12/22 An Evening of Holiday & Hits w/ Judy Collins & 23 3 performances only!
Judy Collins has inspired audiences with sublime vocals, boldly vulnerable songwriting, personal life triumphs, and a firm commitment to social activism since the 1960's. In this special performance, she brings some of her most notable hits as well as favorite Christmas tunes. Ari Hest opens.

12/29 The Best of the Boston Comedy Festival & 30
Take a break from all the family time and head out to The Kate to get the last laugh on 2017 compliments of the Boston Comedy Festival circuit.

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RING THEM BELLS: 2 p.m. Farmington Valley Chorus. \$15 advance; \$20 at door; children 7 and under are free. First Church of Christ, Simsbury. 860-738-2559, SingFVC.org.

SEAN CLAPIS JAZZ TRIO: 2 p.m. Integrity 'n Music, Wethersfield. 860-563-4005, integritynmusic.com.

STEVE STEVENS: 8 p.m. Grammy Award-winning guitarist is best known for his 30 year career as a guitarist and songwriter for Billy Idol, his Grammy Award-winning song "Top Gun Anthem" and his work with Michael Jackson. Free. Mohegan Sun Wolf Den, Uncasville. 888-226-7711, mohegansun.com.

THE 90'S BAND: 8 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

THE AVERY ENSEMBLE: 1:30 p.m. Russell Library, Middletown. 860-347-2528, russelllibrary.org.

THE GUITAR COLLECTIVE 2017-SCALE THE SUMMIT/ANGEL VIVALDI: 7 p.m. With special guests: Andy James and Orbiter. \$17-\$19. Webster Underground, Hartford. 860-525-5553, webstertheater.com.

TONY MCMANUS: 8 p.m. Seating limited. \$25. AcousticMusic.org, Guilford. 203-458-8353, acousticmusic.org.

TUSK: THE ULTIMATE FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE: 8 p.m. \$35-\$54. Infinity Music Hall and Bistro, Norfolk. 866-666-6306, infinityhall.com.

WILL EVANS WITH FUZZ AND CARRIE: 8 p.m. \$15; \$25 VIP. 41 Bridge Street Live, Collinsville. 860-693-9762, 41bridgestreet.com.

ZIGUE (CLAUDE MÉTHÉ AND DANA WHITTLE): 7:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$20; \$12 Students; \$712 yrs and under. Middletown House Concert Series. 860-983-7963; email: jcormack@wesleyan.edu

SUNDAY

A CHORAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA: CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: 2 p.m. \$10. Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. 203-374-2777, web.ovationtix.com.

A JAZZY CHRISTMAS: 2 p.m. Free. Milford Public Library. 203-783-3292, milfordlibrary.org.

ACOUSTIC ARTIST SERIES: ECLECTICA: 3 p.m. \$12 advance; \$15 door. The Packing House, Willington. 518-791-9474, thepackinghouse.us.

BRISTOL CHORALE AND BRISTOL BRASS AND WINDS WINTER CONCERT: 4 p.m. St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol. bristolchoralsociety.org.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS: 7:30 p.m. \$47.50. Ridgefield Playhouse. 203-438-5795,

METALCORE

Hatebreed Gives Voice To Raging Frustration

Hatebreed will bark, bash and blaze, pounding its way through blurry and galloping 16th-note riffs. Shrapnel, pulverization and blunt-force trauma are part of the sonic aesthetic.

The enduring New Haven metalcore outfit sounds like they're still not exactly looking on the bright side on their most recent record, "The Concrete Confessional," released last year. The title captures the band's goal of, say, getting something off one's chest, and doing it in a heavy-as-hell, indestructible fashion.

On the

album there's a sense of raging frustration about political corruption, the loss of the American dream, the general failure of empathy, an atmosphere of spreading chaos, moral decay, and a kind of creeping hopelessness. Basically they feel like everybody else in 2017.

Hatebreed is composed of long-haul misanthropists, though, having made grim music since 1994. Don't expect them to turn around and make a sunshiney psych-pop record anytime soon.

Hatebreed plays Toad's Place, 300 York St., New Haven, on Friday at 7:30 p.m. \$29.

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CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S CHORALE WINTER CONCERT: 3 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield. 860-242-4142, ctwomenchorale.webs.com.

HOLIDAY HANDBELL CONCERT: 3 p.m. The Hockanum Valley Ringers. First Church of Christ, Simsbury. 860-651-3593, hvringers.org.

LATIN CAROL SING AT CCSU: 4 p.m. Central Connecticut State University, Founders Hall in Davidson Hall, New Britain.

LUCINDA AND MICHAEL: 7:30 p.m. \$19-\$39. Infinity Music Hall and Bistro, Norfolk.

866-666-6306, infinityhall.com.

MUSIC FOR A JOYOUS SEASON: 4 p.m. Daniel S. Lee and Friends, a chamber ensemble of musicians, will present a program of music from the Baroque and Romantic eras, including works by Bach, Corelli and Vivaldi. Free. Collinsville Congregational Church.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS: 4 p.m. New England Chamber Choir and Chamber Ensemble; Richard Wm. Donohue, conductor. Music of Benjamin Britten, Sydney Carter, Bob Chilcott, Donohue, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Thomas Stoltzer and Orlando di Lasso along

with carols sung in German, French, and 15th-century English. Free; donations accepted. Zion Lutheran Church, Portland. 860-342-2860.

NEW ENGLAND GUITAR SOCIETY: 2 p.m. Free. Stratford Library. 203-385-4162, stratfordlibrary.org.

POETS AND COMPOSERS: MUSE INSPIRES MELODY: 2 p.m. Afternoon of music and poetry. \$15. Unitarian Universalist Society: East, Manchester. 860-646-5151, uuse.org.

RAMBLIN DAN STEVENS AND A FIERY BAND: 4 p.m. BYOB. Indoor, bistro-style seating. \$20 donation. Leif Nilsson Spring Street Studio and Gallery, Chester. 860-526-2077, nilssonstudio.com.

SAMANTHA GOODMAN AND KATE CALLAHAN: 6 p.m. Piedmont Hall, Somers. 860-749-4439.

SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES: WHITECHAPEL HANDBELL CHOIR: 3 p.m. Free admission all day. New Britain Museum of American Art. 860-229-0257, nbmaa.org.

THE MCCARTNEY YEARS: 7 p.m. Celebrates the genius of Paul McCartney at the height of his career in the mid 1970s. Free. Mohegan Sun Wolf Den, Uncasville. 888-226-7711, mohegansun.com.

TONY PENNA AND FRIENDS: 7 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

WEST HARTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT: 3 p.m. Orchestra will play seasonal favorites such as Leroy Anderson's Christmas Festival and his beloved Sleigh Ride as well as Mel Tormey's Chestnuts. Plus Robert Wendel's Hanukah Festival and Mannheim Steamroller's Stille Nacht. With WHSO soprano soloist Timatha Kasten. Conductor Richard Chiarappa. \$20-\$30. West Hartford Town Hall. 860-521-4362, whso.org.

WHIFFENPOOFS: 1:30 p.m. \$29-\$34. Infinity Music Hall and Bistro, Norfolk. 866-666-6306, infinityhall.com.

MONDAY

JAZZ MONDAYS WITH DONALD BYRD BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE: 8 p.m. Black-Eyed Sally's, Hartford. 860-278-7427, blackeyedsallys.com.

TIMMY MAIA VINYL MUSIC MONDAYS: 7 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

TUESDAY

DAVID CHEVAN'S HANUKKAH EXTRAVAGANZA KLEZMER JAM: 7 p.m. Free. The Outer Space, Hamden. 203-288-6400, theouterspace.net.

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KENNY MEHLER ACOUSTIC: 8 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

MICHAEL PALIN'S OTHER ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Black-Eyed Sally's, Hartford. 860-278-7427, blackeyedsallys.com.

PODUNK THROWBACKS: 7 p.m. Klekolo World Coffee, Middletown. 860-343-9444, klekolo.com.

SALTY DOG BAND: 9 p.m. Sully's Pub, Hartford. 860-231-8881, sullyspub.com.

WEDNESDAY

CAROUSEL KINGS, WE WERE SHARKS, GUTTERLIFE: 6:30 p.m. \$10-\$12. The Space, Hamden. 203-288-6400, thespacect.com.

CARRIE ASHTON: 5 p.m. Tipping Chair Tavern, Milldale. 860-426-9688, tippingchairtavern.com.

NEW LONDON BIG BAND: 7:30 p.m. Led by trombonist Sean Nelson, this 17-piece band is made up of jazz musicians. Free; \$5/person to guarantee a reservation.. The Social Bar + Kitchen, New London. 860-442-6900, newlondonbigband.com.

FREE FUNK WEDNESDAYS: 9 p.m. With Boo-Yah featuring members of West End Blend and weekly special guests. Arch Street Tavern, Hartford. 860-246-7610, archstreettavern.com.

STILL SMALL VOICE ADVENT CONCERT: 7 p.m. Free. St Philip Church, Ashford. 860-429-2860.

STAGE

THE COLOR PURPLE Ends Sunday. \$22.50 and up. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 and 6:30 p.m. Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, Hartford. 860-987-6000, bushnell.org.

HEAL THE WORLD 7 p.m. Featuring Joby Rogers as Michael Jackson. Conard High School, West Hartford. 860-861-7301, eventbrite.com.

GOIN TO THE CHAPEL Ends Dec. 16. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. It's 1959 and Suzy and Johnny just got pinned. They're about to live happily ever after ...until Eddie, a dangerously handsome young greaser, drives into town. When Eddie spots Suzy, he vows to steal her from Johnny and teach the prom queen a thing or two about the wilder side of life and love. \$30. Connecticut Cabaret Theatre, Berlin. 860-829-1248, ctcabaret.com.

RAGS Ends Sunday. Thursday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Welcome to the new world! Fresh from Ellis Island, a young mother and her son search for a new life and a sense

AMERICANA

Energetic, Pop-Leaning The Empty Pockets

On its new release "Voices," the Empty Pockets sing about being pestered by psychic adversaries — voices in the head, imaginary friends, monkeys on their back — but somehow those menacing beings don't really pay close enough attention.

The Empty Pockets sings energetic pop-leaning country Americana, with careful and bright vocal harmonies. Many of the bands songs are about those close alignments, between paired voices, birds of a feather, attracted opposites, or partners in crime, the kind that can aid us as we make our way through the world, or

sometimes trip us up because of the closeness.

This Chicago-based quartet feathers a little jazzy soul into ambitious songs like "You Be the High," which have a big arena-ready potential, but they also have a traditional side, having paid tribute to Jeff Buckley and Buddy Holly. This is their holiday concert full of winter classics.

See the Empty Pockets at Infinity Hall, 2 Front St., Hartford, Thursday at 7 p.m. \$24 to \$44. 866-666-6306 and infinityhall.com.

—John Adamian,
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of home as the 20th century beckons. \$28-\$80. Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam. 860-873-8668, goodspeed.org.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY Opens Thursday; ends Dec. 17. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; 2 p.m. Sunday matinee; Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 16, special 2 p.m. matinees. Production is performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. Five actors perform the dozens of characters in the radio play as well as produce the sound effects. \$35 adults; \$32 seniors; \$20 students; \$15

children. Ivoryton Playhouse. 860-767-7318, ivorytonplayhouse.org.

THE CHOSEN Ends Dec. 17. Call for times. Brilliant young men from rival yeshivas, Reuven and Danny first meet on a baseball diamond. Set against the backdrop of 1940s Brooklyn and the specter of war, Posner's adaptation of Chaim Potok's award-winning 1967 novel is a story of fathers and sons, tradition, modernity, and the difficult choices one must make to achieve understanding. Tickets start at \$29. Long Wharf Theatre, Claire Tow Stage in the C. Newton Schenck III

Theatre, New Haven. 203-787-4282, longwharf.org.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. Presented by Herstory Theater and Mark Twain House and Museum. George Bailey, Zuzu, Clarence the Angel, and grumpy old Mr. Potter are turning Hartford into Bedford Falls this year! \$12 adults; \$8 children. Mark Twain House and Museum, Hartford. 860-247-0998, marktwainhouse.org.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER Southington Community Theatre. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. Directed by Jyll Perlini, with music direction by Allison Platt. Advance: \$10 children under 18 and seniors 65 and older, and \$15 adults. At the door: \$15 children under 18 and seniors 65 and older, \$20 for adults. Grace United Methodist Church, Southington. 203-558-5358, southingtoncommunitytheatre.org.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Opens Thursday; ends Dec. 16. Actors aged 12-18 will be joined by Peter Loffredo, local actor and theater teacher, as Scrooge in this unique production. Call for times. \$15; \$8 Students. Oddfellows Playhouse, Middletown. 860-347-6143, oddfellows.org.

DAN GOGGIN'S NUNCRACKERS Ends Dec. 17. Evenings at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. The Sisters, Father Virgil and Mount St. Helen's students sing and dance their way through this delightful Christmas extravaganza. \$39 adults, \$20 kids. Seven Angels Theatre, Waterbury. 203-757-4676, SevenAngelsTheatre.org.

WELCOMING LIGHT: STORIES FOR A DARK DECEMBER Sunday, 3 p.m. An afternoon of storytelling and music for the mature audience. Reservations required. \$10; \$5 Children ages 6-12. Wadsworth Mansion, Middletown. 860-347-1064, wadsworthmansion.com.

HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM IRVING BERLIN: A MUSICAL REVUE Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. Show will feature a collection of songs composed for and performed in the film, Holiday Inn, written in 1942 by Irving Berlin. \$10-\$15. Western Connecticut State University, Westside Campus, Danbury. 203-837-8486, eventbrite.com/e/happy-holiday-from-irving-berlin-a-musical-revue-tickets-38448644932.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE FINAL ADVENTURE Monday, 7 p.m. \$20. Westport Country Playhouse. 203-227-4177, westportplayhouse.org.

NATIVE SON Ends Dec. 16. Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; 2 p.m. performances on Dec. 9, and 16. By Nambi E. Kelley. Chicago's South Side, the 1930s. Bigger Thomas struggles to find a place for himself in a world whose prejudice has shut him out.

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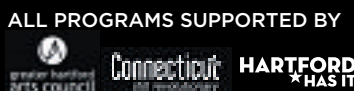
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After taking a job in a wealthy white man's house, he unwittingly unleashes a series of events that violently and irrevocably seal his fate. \$12-\$98. Yale Repertory Theatre, New Haven. 203-432-1234, yalerep.org.

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANNIE JR New Britain Youth Theater. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$13 adults, \$11 children students and seniors. Holmes Elementary School, New Britain. 860-515-8115, nbyt.org.

ELF THE MUSICAL JR Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. Seating is limited. \$10-\$20. Madison Arts Barn. 203-245-2689, madisonartsbarn.org.

A CHRISTMAS PUDDING BY DAVID BIRNEY The Suffield Players. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Songs, poems and stories of the season. \$10. Mapleton Hall, Suffield. 860-668-0837, suffieldplayers.org.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Sunday, 2 p.m. A solo performance of Dickens' classic holiday tale. Registration appreciated. Free. Prosser Public Library, Bloomfield. 860-243-9721, prosserlibrary.info.

THE 1940S RADIO HOUR: A MUSICAL BY WALTON JONES Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10; \$5 Senior citizens and veterans. Shepaug Valley School, Washington. 860-717-2444, region-12.org.

MURDER TAKES A HOLIDAY Ends Dec. 23. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 17. Focuses on a brother-sister team sent to a ski lodge in the New Hampshire mountains on an undercover mission - only to discover that two guests have been strangely murdered. After they encounter the remarkable Mrs. Bowman, a mountain climber with a dangerous secret, ominous questions about the other guests arise and the twists and turns begin. \$24 adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Sherman Playhouse. 860-354-3622, shermanplayers.org.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

DANCE, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE: TAVA'S 20TH BIENNIAL EVE OF BELLYDANCE Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Admission includes light fare and mini-dance lesson. BYOB. \$20. Factory Underground, Norwalk. 917-848-6402, bellydancebytava.com.

CONNECTICUT CONCERT BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER Saturday and Sunday, noon and 4 p.m. \$35-\$15. Manchester High School,

REGGAE

Strange Machines Has Good-Time Sound

Strange Machines plays jam-band friendly funk that's got a core of fusion, strands of reggae DNA, and a dash of metal.

The Boston band takes soulful jams and slowly lets them unspool into twinkling cosmic sci-fi vehicles, with gospel-tinged organ sounds nudging the music heavenward. Songs about shape-shifting oceanic creatures, mental journeys and the vastness of space all seem to fit nicely with the

band's kaleidoscopic good-time sound.

The band has been cultivating a devoted fan base in the northeast for years.

Strange Machines plays The Arch Street Tavern, Arch St., Hartford, Saturday at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10. 860-246-7610 or archstreettavern.com.

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Manchester. 860-418-7294, ctconcertballet.org.

WINTER DANCE CONCERT Friday through Sunday, call for times. Advanced student choreographers present recent works. \$5; \$4 Wesleyan students, youth under 18. Wesleyan University, CFA Theater, Middletown. 860-685-3355, wesleyan.edu.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET Open Saturday; ends Dec. 16. Call for times. \$45; \$25 Children and students with a valid ID; \$35 seniors 65+. Westport Country Playhouse. 203-354-9414, westportplayhouse.org.

COMEDY

QUENTIN HEGGS, CLAUDIA STAVOLA AND ROB EPPL Friday 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 and 10 p.m. \$17. City Steam Brewery Cafe, Hartford. 860-525-1600, citysteam-biz.seatengine.com.

COMEDY HYPNOTIST: JIM SPINNATO Sunday, 8 p.m. \$15-\$35. Comix Mohegan Sun, Uncasville. 860-862-7000, comixmohegansun.com.

LYNNE KOPLITZ Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. \$15-\$45. Comix Mohegan Sun, Uncasville. 860-862-7000, lynnekoplitz.comixmohegansun.com.

MAT FRANCO Saturday, 8 p.m. Franco takes the stage with a fun and feel-good twist on magic that defies all expectations. \$30. Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket. bit.ly/2gtcbrl.

BEN BAILEY Friday and Saturday, 7:30 & 10 p.m. \$20 plus fees. Hartford Funny Bone Comedy Club, Manchester. 860-432-8600, hartford.funnybone.com.

MARSHALL BRANDON AND BIG REGG PRESENT LOL WEDNESDAY COMEDY SHOW Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. \$20 plus fees. Hartford Funny Bone Comedy Club, Manchester. 860-432-8600, hartford.funnybone.com.

MICHAEL QUU Thursday, 7:30 p.m. \$15 plus fees. Hartford Funny Bone Comedy Club, Manchester. 860-432-8600, hartford.funnybone.com.

FAMILY

THURSDAY

SANTA CLAUS CISIT 5 p.m. Santa (and his elves) will be reading (and reenacting) "The Night Before Christmas," taking pictures and more. Free. UBI Federal Credit Union, Plainville. 860-747-4152.

WINTERFEST HARTFORD 2017 : Through Jan. 7. Features an outdoor skating rink at Bushnell Park in the heart of downtown Hartford. Free skating and free skate rentals are provided to visitors. Skating Rink will be open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. A free learn-to-skate program will be available on Saturdays, beginning Dec. 2, throughout the season from 10 to 11 a.m. Additional music and arts programming and family fun activities will round out this wonderful winter outdoor experience. Free. Bushnell Park, Hartford. 860-232-6710, winterfesthartford.com.

FRIDAY

ALICE'S ADVENTURES AT HILL-STEAD: Friday and Saturday, 6 to 9 p.m. Costumed actors will bring you through the historic house and into the magical world of Lewis Carroll's Alice In Wonderland, as they present an original "play within a play" created just for Hill-Stead. Tickets are timed; reservations recommended. Please arrive 15-20 minutes before your scheduled time. Non-members: \$20 adults, \$15 age 6-18; under age 6 free. Members: \$15, \$10; under age 6 free. Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington. (860) 677-4787, hillstead.org.

CHRISTMAS SPIRITS OF MILFORD GHOST WALKS: 7 p.m. Guided by a flickering lantern light, walkers will follow Milford writer and storyteller Cindy Wolfe Boynton on a roughly 1.5-mile route that starts at the World War I monument. \$18 advance; \$23 day of with

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INDIE PUNK

Smart, Outspoken **Ted Leo**

Ted Leo has jittery energy, contrarian wit, and crackling intelligence. That might be what can make the vegan, lapsed-Catholic, Jersey-boy, pop-punk idealist sound like Elvis Costello and Paul Weller at times.

Leo just released a new solo record, “The Hanged Man,” after a long hiatus. On it, there’s a beautiful heartbreaking song about continuing to struggle into one’s 40s called “Used to Believe.” There are songs that address urban flight, childhood trauma, and one that seems to be about watching a futuristic earthly apocalypse from the vantage point of the moon.

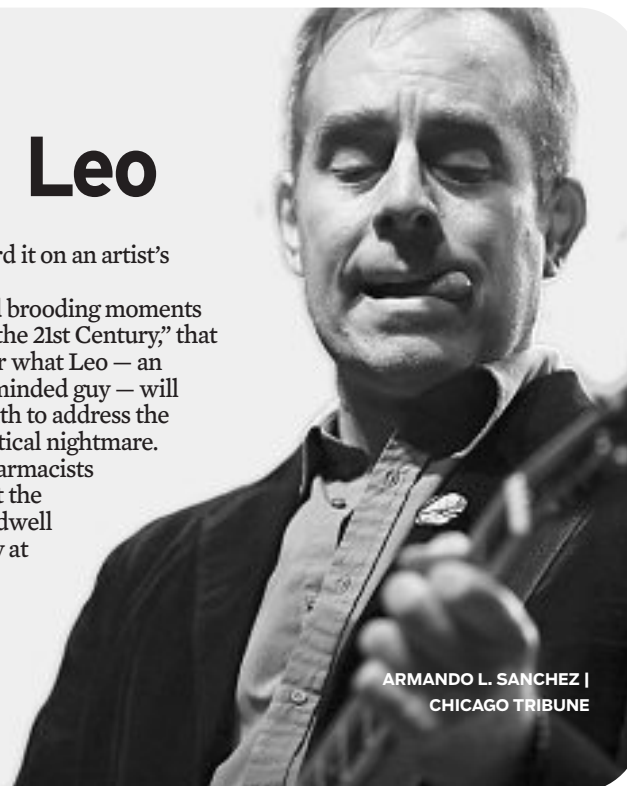
Leo recently moved to Providence, Rhode Island, after living in New York City for years. And he’s been outspoken about the frustration of having to leave a city one loves

because one can’t afford it on an artist’s income.

There are lovely sad brooding moments like “William Weld in the 21st Century,” that make one eager to hear what Leo — an outspoken politically minded guy — will eventually come up with to address the current American political nightmare.

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists perform at Ballroom at the Outer Space, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden, on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. 203-288-6400, theouterspace.net

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exact cash required; Children 4 and under are free. World War I monument in front of Milford City Hall. spiritsofmilford.com.

TWILIGHT TOURS: 4 p.m. For more than thirty years, volunteers have created holiday decorations at the museum. Free. Osborne Homestead Museum, Derby. 203-734-2513, dep.state.ct.us/educ/kellogg.htm.

SATURDAY

ANNUAL SANTA'S FARM AT INDIAN ROCK: 10 a.m. Families are asked to dress appropriately for the hayride. The event is rain/snow/shine. \$8; Children under 1 free. Indian Rock Nature Preserve, Bristol. 860-583-1234, elcct.org.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS: 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m. Gingerbread Day is an annual event for kids and adults alike to construct a creation from homemade gingerbread, fresh icing, and delicious candies. \$18; \$15 museum members. Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society, West Hartford. 860-521-5362, noahwebsterhouse.org.

PERIWINKLE THE FAERIE: Shows at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Free with Museum admission. Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme. 860-434-5542, florencegriswoldmuseum.org.

ROBOTICS DAY: 11 a.m. Featuring First Robotics Team demos but there will be plenty of other hands-on activities to dive even deeper into the field of robotics. Connecticut Science Center, Hartford. 860-724-3623, CTScienceCenter.org.

SANTA SPECIAL: Departure times: 9:30, 10, 11, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 and 1 p.m. Reservations suggested. \$24-\$40. Essex Steam Train and Riverboat, Essex. 860-767-0103, essexsteamtrain.com.

SILK CITY BOARD GAME GROUP: 12 p.m. Free. Mary Cheney Library, Manchester. 860-643-2471, library.townofmanchester.org.

STRESS-FREE SANTA VISITS AT STEPPING STONES: 11:15 a.m. Come to a place that is safe, familiar and accessible to children of all abilities to make it an enjoyable experience for everyone. Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Norwalk. 203-899-0606, steppingstonesmuseum.org.

SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS SONGS AND STORIES: 2 p.m. Join musician Thomas Hooker Hanford for songs and stories. \$7 Non-members; \$5 members. Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme. 860-434-5542, florencegriswoldmuseum.org.

FAMILY SUNDAY: SNOWFLAKE GARLAND: 12 p.m. This monthly event features a children’s craft activity that changes each month. \$6; \$5 children. New England Carousel Museum, Bristol. 860-585-5411, thecarouselmuseum.org.

OPEN FARM - COOKIES WITH SANTA: 10 a.m. \$10. Bradley Mountain Farm, Southington. 860-385-4628, bradleymountainsoaps.com.

PRINCESS TEA: 1 p.m. Reservations are required. \$15 Child; \$5 adult. New England Carousel Museum, Bristol. 860-585-5411,

thecarouselmuseum.org.

MONDAY

HOMESCHOOL DAY: FROM WORDS TO PICTURES: 1:30 p.m. Homeschoolers will translate stories told by their classmates into visual art. \$5 Child Member; \$10 child non-Member. New Britain Museum of American Art. 860-229-0257, nbmaa.org.

WEDNESDAY

ADELBROOK'S SENSORY SANTA: 5:30 p.m. For children and adults with sensory challenges. Free. Adelbrook, Cromwell. 860-635-6010, adelbrook.org.

CHOO CHOO STORYTIME: 9:30 a.m. Discover adventures on the tracks with books that spark the imagination. Fairfield Museum and History Center. 203-259-1598, fairfieldhistory.org.

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

ADULTS-ONLY GINGERBREAD NIGHT: 7 p.m. Everyone over the age of 21 can enjoy the BYOB Gingerbread House Night. Bring your favorite beer or wine (we'll provide the glasses) and build a tasty gingerbread house. Features light hors d'oeuvres, tiny decorative candies, colored icing. \$20; \$17 museum members. Noah Webster House & West

Hartford Historical Society, West Hartford. 860-521-5362, noahwebsterhouse.org.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, ART AND DISCUSSION WITH ABIODUN OYEWOLE: 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Reservations required. \$20. Passages Gallery, Hartford. 860-523-3232, eventbrite.com.

GET A CLUE MURDER MYSTERY TOURS: Tours leave every 15 minutes from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Tourstake participants through the various rooms (secret passageway, conservatory, billiards room and more) of the Twain house - and some of the author's favorite literary characters - as part of the game. \$17 to \$25. Mark Twain House and Museum, Hartford. 860-247-0998, marktwainhouse.org.

MYSTIC SEAPORT LANTERN LIGHT TOURS: Performances are Dec. 8-9, 15-17, and 22-23. Tours begin at 5 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes. The event requires a special ticket in lieu of general admission. For ages 4 and older. \$32 Adults; \$26 Mystic Seaport members; \$25 Children 5-17; \$19 for youth members. Mystic Seaport. 860-572-0711, mysticseaport.org.

THEATRICAL TOURS: ALICE'S HILL-STEAD ADVENTURE: Tours on the half hour from 6-9 p.m. Reservations requested. \$15-\$10 Museum members; \$20-\$15 non-members; under six free. Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington. 860-677-4787, hillstead.org.

THREE CENTURIES OF CHRISTMAS PREVIEW PARTY: 5 p.m. Stroll from house to house enjoying delicious food, wine and live holiday music. \$30 Members; \$35 non-members. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, Wethersfield. 860-529-0612, webb-deane-stevens.org.

SATURDAY

3-D CARD MAKING WORKSHOP: 12 p.m. Participants take home 3 handcrafted cards. Class size limited to 10. \$35. Windsor Art Center. 860-688-2528, windsorartcenter.org.

BRANFORD ARTS AND CULTURAL ALLIANCE'S HOLIDAY MARKET AND OPEN HOUSE : Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Featuring arts, crafts, music, food and holiday gift ideas, from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 10. The event will take place at an ocean front home, 265 Pine Orchard Road. For info, email Frank at BACA06405@gmail.com

GREENLEAF POTTERY: 42ND HOLIDAY OPEN STUDIO : Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Purchase individually handcrafted functional stoneware pottery for holiday gift giving and to support a local artisan at the same time. Free admission. December customers receive a free stoneware wine cup while supplies last. Greenleaf Pottery, South Windsor. 860-528-6090, greenleafpottery.net.

HCD-CONTRA DANCE: 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$12.

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Griffith Dance Academy, Wethersfield.
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LEARN TO MAKE PHOTO COASTERS (FOR TEENS AND ADULTS): 11 a.m. Bring your own 4x4 photos or decorative paper. Simsbury Public Library, Simsbury. 860-658-7663, simsburylibrary.info.

ONE PATH, MANY EXPERIENCES: A LABYRINTH WORKSHOP: 1 p.m. Please wear or bring socks to protect the canvas labyrinth. Participation is limited to 20 participants, so registration is required. Free. Unitarian Universalist Society: East, Manchester. 860-646-5151, uuse.org.

OVERSHORES BREWERY 4TH ANNUAL BELG-XMAS HOLIDAY BASH: 12 p.m. Live music, food, and giveaways. Free. Overshores Brewing Company, East Haven. 203-909-6224, overshores.com.

SIMSBURY HOLIDAY MARKET AND VILLAGE: 10 a.m. The Market is a fundraiser for the Simsbury Historical Society. Andy's Market, Simsbury. 860-989-7045, simsburyholidaymarket.com.

SUNDAY

A POLISH CHRISTMAS WITH MARTHA HALL KELLY: Noon and 12:30 p.m. A day celebrating the holidays and the work of social philanthropist Caroline Ferriday, the inspiration for New York Times bestselling author Hall Kelly's novel Lilac Girls. Experience Caroline's beloved Connecticut home, staged in the traditional Polish fashion and learn about 12 dishes. Meet Martha Hall Kelly in Caroline's kitchen and have her sign your copy of Lilac Girls. Tour sessions begin at noon. \$35/\$25 for CTL members; limited availability. Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem. 860-247-8996, Ext. 23, ctlandmarks.org.

ART+SOUL HARTFORD: A HOLIDAY MARKET TO BENEFIT PROTECTORS OF ANIMALS: 11 a.m. 100 percent of the vendor registration fee will be donated to the organization, along with 20 percent or more of sales. Donations. Hartford ArtSpace Gallery, Hartford.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: 1 p.m. Old fashioned decorations, hot mulled cider and cookies along with music from 2-3 p.m. by the "Greenwoods Consort" madrigal singers. Free. Squire's Tavern, Barkhamsted. 860-738-1152, barkhamstedhistory.us.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: 12 p.m. The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum will feature a joyful family-friendly event and several hours of entertainment with dance and choral youth performances and a special appearance by Santa Claus and his elves. \$5 Norwalk. 203-838-9799, https://lockwoodmathewsmansion.com.

HOMESTEAD FOR THE HOLIDAYS: 1 p.m. A fireside reading of Charles Dickens's "Christmas Carol," period crafts, tours, and refreshments. The Manchester Historical Society presents this

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POP

Ashley Hamel Fun, Fresh, Local

Hartford-based singer/songwriter Ashley Hamel has a song about Bob Ross, the nimbus-headed (semi-ironic) icon of public-television painting instruction, called "The Joy of Painting (Bob Ross)." It's pretty hilarious — sort of Lisa Loeb meets Tenacious D.

She plays her seemingly earnest folk-singer routine fairly straight, making it hard to know when it's okay to laugh. She sings, addressing Ross: "I'd write you a song, we'd make happy love, outside next to a happy little shrub, but I can't because you don't play music. And afterward I'd ask you to paint me wearing this — and only this (whispers) — in the nude, but I can't, because you prefer mountains."

Another tune on Hamel's EP "By the Window" is called "Diary of a Fan Girl." It's about a girl — "the star of her auto-fan fiction" — who fantasizes about meeting up with artists she worships.

Hamel crosses back and forth over that tricky line between seriousness and laugh-generating goofs. She pulls it off by giving everything a sort of big, Broadway delivery, turning up the vibrato and dynamic sighs and giving her non-joke songs the hint of a wink. Expect new material and perhaps a ukulele.

Ashley Hamel performs on a bill with Orice Jenkins, another eclectic Hartford-based artist, at Buttonwood Tree, 605 Main St., Middletown, Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. buttonwood.org.

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special open house for all ages. Costumed interpreters will talk about the house's features and contents, and reflect on New England traditions of a bygone age. Cheney Homestead, Manchester. 860-643-5588, manchesterhistory.org.

WELCOMING LIGHT: STORIES FOR A DARK DECEMBER: 3 p.m. An afternoon of storytelling and music for the mature audience. Reservations required. \$10; \$5 Children ages 6-12. Wadsworth Mansion, Middletown. 860-347-1064, wadsworthmansion.com.

MONDAY

TRIVIA NIGHT: 7 p.m. Prospect Cafe, West Hartford. 860-519-1048, prospectcafewh.com.

TUESDAY

THE MORE THE MERRIER - HOLIDAY PARTY: 5 p.m. Donations for Hartford Hospital's Bundle your Baby will be collected at registration. Upward Hartford, Hartford. 860-785-6510, upwardholidayparty.eventbrite.com.

ART MUSEUMS

BALLARD INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM OF PUPPETRY: Mascots! Mask Performance in the 21st Century. Through Feb. 11. Will examine the creators, history and social context of mascots in North America, and bring together exciting examples of contemporary and historic mascots ranging from the collegiate level with UConn's Jonathan the Husky, Big Jay and Baby Jay from the University of Kansas, and Lil' Red from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to famous major-league mascots including the Boston Red Sox's Wally the Green Monster; Winger, the former mascot of the Washington Capitals; Clutch from the Houston Rockets, the Famous San Diego Chicken, and more. Storrs. 860-486-8580, bimp.uconn.edu.

LYME ART ASSOCIATION: Deck the Walls. Through Jan. 5. More than 200 original works of art by member artists will be on display and priced to sell as holiday gifts. "Celebrating Lyme's Beauty," featuring paintings created during this fall's paint out at Moulton Pond, will be on exhibition in the Goodman Gallery. Old Lyme. 860-434-7802, lyneartassociation.org.

FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM: The Magic of Christmas. Through Dec. 31. For over ten years, visitors from across the region have admired the painted palettes on Miss Florence's Artist Trees. The idea of contemporary artists creating paintings on artists' palettes is a nod to the Museum's history as the center for the Lyme Art Colony,

BLUEGRASS

Jenni Lyn's Got Cred

Bluegrass isn't a genre always associated with uplift, self-empowerment and confidence anthems, but that's part of what mandolin player and singer Jenni Lyn does.

"Stronger," the first track on Lyn's 2017 release "Burn Another Candle," is one of those musical pep-talk sloganeering jams that one generally hears in a dance-pop setting, less often with bright banjo.

Lyn can do racing picking, rapid-fire fluttering strums and more. She can also let a backbeat, thunked on muted strings, serve as a kind of string-band funk backdrop.

Lyn grew up in South Carolina but lives in Nashville now. So on "Hickory Holler," one at least suspects that

when she sings about sweet iced tea and fresh tomatoes, she's not faking it.

Lyn was a member of the all-female bluegrass project Della Mae. If you want further proof of her bluegrass cred, you can see footage of her meeting Bill Monroe when she was a kid, mandolin in hand, backstage at a music festival.

Jenni Lyn performs at Cafe Nine, 250 State St., New Haven, on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. 203-789-8281 or cafenine.com.

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and alludes to the door and wall panels the artists painted throughout Miss Florence's boardinghouse over a century ago. The palette artists' styles and subject matter are as varied as the individuals. Oils, acrylics, watercolors, ceramics, glass, and collage are used to transform the palettes into traditional holiday scenes, delightful landscapes, and more than a few surprises. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students; and free to children 12 and under. Old Lyme. 860-434-5542, flogris.org.

HILL-STEAD MUSEUM: From Page to Stage:

Broadway Costumes from the Goodspeed Musicals Collection. Through Jan. 1. Farmington. 860-677-4787, hillstead.org.

MATTATUCK MUSEUM: Connected: Relationships with Machines. Through Feb. 11. Painting With a Camera: Jerome Sedloc. Through Feb. 11. Abstract photographs informed by Sedlock's mechanical engineering and design background. His work follows in the trajectory of abstract photography that had its beginnings in the early 20th century in the work of Alfred Stieglitz, Laszlo Moholy-Nagy and the

Surrealists. Waterbury. 203-753-0381, mattatuckmuseum.org.

NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART: Boundary Conditions. Through Aug. 31. The artist, Soo Sunny Park, is known for creating otherworldly, immersive installations that transform their environments into seas of dancing light, reflection and shadow. New Britain. 860-229-0257, nbmaa.org.

REAL ART WAYS: Tom Smith: Secondary Harvest. Through Jan. 21. Trained as an architect, Tom Smith creates sculptures and paintings starting with natural materials as a base. He manipulates grape vines, branches and twigs while growing to get his desired shapes and gestures. He then harvests and assembles the pieces to craft his sculptures. Erik Williams: A Sad and Beautiful World. Through Jan. 14. Williams' aesthetic is informed by the opportunity for rawness that his camera allows him, helping him to create moments of honesty. Peter Edlund: Names on the Land. Through Jan. 28. Edlund explores the contradictions in utopian American landscape imagery. Taking aesthetic and visual cues from the work of artists ranging from the Hudson River School to Ansel Adams, Edlund's paintings employ allegorical imagery to investigate contemporary issues Hartford. Hartford. 860-232-1006, realartways.org.

WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART: Festival of Trees and Traditions. Through Sunday. Every year community members, artists and organizations decorate holiday trees and wreaths to be displayed in the galleries throughout the week. All items are for sale, and profits help fund the museum's special exhibitions, educational programs, and operating expenses. Purchase a tree or wreath for your home or donate it to a local charity. **Sam Messer/MATRIX 178 Denis the Pirate.** Through Feb. 11. Installation will include several related paintings and sculptures as well as a large selection from the 1,700 etchings that were filmed to bring the fantastical sea adventure to life. **Morgan: Mind of the Collector.** Through Dec. 31. Unites more than 100 of these rare objects to illuminate Morgan's pursuit of global culture, commemorating his collecting achievements and exploring his motivations, buying decisions, and impact on the evolution of art collecting and museums in America. **Sublime North: Romantic Painters Discover Norway Paintings from the Collection of Asbjørn Lunde.** Through Jan. 15. Exhibition focused on the leading figures of 19th-century Norwegian landscape painting: Christian Dahl, Thomas Fearnley, and Peder Balke. Sublime North: Romantic Painters Discover Norway will explore their awe inspiring talents as landscape painters, trail their careers across

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

HOLIDAY HARP CONCERT: today, New England Carousel Museum, Bristol. Harpist Cate Mahoney and special guests perform. Included with general admission. 6:30-7:30 p.m., with a wine and cheese reception at 6. 860-585-511.

ARTFUL LIVING: JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: Friday through Sunday and Dec. 15-17, Parmelee Homestead, Killingworth. Feast on four courses of traditional holiday fare while listening to Christmas songs. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. seating; Sunday, 4 p.m. seating. \$55 per person (includes meal and entertainment. ArtfulLivingCT.com.

CHRISTMAS ON MINNECHAUG MOUNTAIN: Friday, Buckingham Congregational Church, 16 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury. Amy Gallatin guitarist Roger Williams, along with the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass band and vocalist Karen Lincoln Wilbur. 7:30 p.m. (doors open 6:45). \$15 or \$5 children under 12. 860-633-7992.

FARMINGTON VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Holiday pops concerts Saturday, 3 p.m., at Farmington High School and on Dec. 16, 3 p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall, Simsbury. \$18 online; \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are free. fvso.com.

A CELTIC FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Saturday, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, UConn, Storrs. Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy and their children tell the story of the night before Christmas. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$45. jorgensen.uconn.edu.

CON BRIO CHORAL SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Saturday and Sunday, Christ the King Church, Old Lyme. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. \$30; \$15 students. conbrio.org, 860-526-5399.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS: Sunday, Ridgefield Playhouse. 8 p.m. \$47.50. 203-438-5795, ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

SING IN THE SEASON! HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH MARISSA FAMIGLIETTI: Sunday, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury. Operatic soprano will be joined by baritone Shae Aplan and pianist David Kendall. 3 p.m., \$20 to \$35. mattmuseum.org, 203-753-0381.

CIRQUE MUSICA HOLIDAY: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport. Cast of Cirque Musica with holiday songs performed by Greater Bridgeport Symphony. Call for tickets.



GETTY IMAGES

SANTA MAKES several practice stops around the state this week.

WebsterBankArena.com, 800-745-3000.

HANUKKAH

THE CHABAD JEWISH CENTER hosts these Hanukkah events, featuring menorah lightings, latkes, hot cider, raffles, music and dancing: Tuesday at the Enfield Square Mall; Wednesday at the Glastonbury Fountain Green; Dec. 14 at the Colchester Town Green; Dec. 18 at the Tolland Town Green, and Dec. 19 at Ellington Arbor Park. chabader.com

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

PART I & HALLELUJAH CHORUS: Saturday, Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford. Stamford Symphony, conducted by Ted Sperling, and the MasterVoices. 8 p.m. \$25 to \$55. stamfordsymphony.org.

THEATER

A CONNECTICUT CHRISTMAS CAROL: Through Dec. 24 The Terris Theatre, Chester. Wednesdays, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays 7:30 p.m. (select dates at 2 p.m.); Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. (select dates at 6:30 p.m.). Single tickets start at \$49. goodspeed.org, 860-873-8668.

SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM: THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGI'S GOLD: Through Dec. 17, Long Wharf Theatre, Stage II, New Haven. Nonie Newton-Riley will return in her role of Sister. \$29. Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 and 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3 and 8 p.m.;

Sunday, 2 p.m. longwharf.org or 203-787-4282.

SANTA SIGHTINGS

"SANTA'S FLIGHT ACADEMY": Through Dec. 24, Westfarms Mall, Center Court, Farmington. Each child becomes a member of the flight crew and visits with Santa, plus: Receives a personalized Cadet Badge; tries on a virtual flight suit; learns how to operate the sleigh; and dances under magical lights and snowfall. Visitors are encouraged to create official flight crew badges online, or through the mobile app. Badges can also be created on site at Santa's Flight Academy kiosks. Santa's Express Lane passes, allowing families to reserve a time block and avoid lengthy lines, may be purchased at santasfastpass.com/scheduling/5983-westfarms-mall. Info: shopwestfarms.com.

SANTA SPECIAL: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17 and 23, Essex Steam Train and Riverboat. Santa and Mrs. Claus visit each child aboard festive railway cars adorned with vintage decorations. \$24 coach tickets; \$40 first class car (with individual armchair seats, cash beverage service). essexsteamtrain.com, 800-377-3987.

SANTA IN THE FISHING VILLAGE: Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 16-17, Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk. Visit Santa Claus aboard a festive fishing boat as the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk adds a bonus holiday exhibit to "fish" you a Merry Christmas. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$22.95 adults; \$20.95 (ages 13-17) and seniors (65 and older); \$15.95 ages 3-12. Members and kids 2 and under free. maritimeaquarium.org

BRUNCH WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS: Sunday and Dec. 16 and 17, Lyman Orchards Homestead, Middlefield. A buffet-style brunch and private meeting with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Homestead's Library. A professional photographer will take complimentary family photos. Seatings at 10 and 11:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. \$6.95-\$37.95; ages 2 and under are free. Prepaid reservations are required: 860-349-6043.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 16 and 17, Flamig Farm, West Simsbury. Includes a farm breakfast; visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves, Frosty the Snowman and The Grinch; Santa will give every child a gift; a ride out to Farm fields and "Reindeer Land" on a holiday-decorated trolley; free visit to the Petting Zoo including photo opportunities with Dominic the Donkey. Seatings start at 8:30 a.m. \$30; children one and under are free. 860-658-5070.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Saturday, The Bushnell, Hartford. Take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy breakfast, carolers, crafts and more. Call for time and tickets. bushnell.org, 860-987-5900.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA: Sunday, Water's Edge Resort and Spa, Westbrook. Brunch 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; CT Yuletide Carolers 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Visit with Santa 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$38; \$22 children. watersedgeresortandspa.com, 860-399-5901.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP: Wednesday through Dec. 23, Wickham Park, Manchester. Visit with Santa and his elves; refreshments with Mrs. Claus. Free. Bring nonperishable food items to be donated to area food pantries. 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays; 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. wickhampark.org

LIGHTS

HOLIDAY LIGHT FANTASIA: through Jan. 1: Goodwin Park, Hartford. The 2-mile show transforms Goodwin Park into a drive-through wonderland of holiday spirit with a collection of over 1 million lights. Sunday through Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5 to 10 p.m. Open Christmas Eve, Christmas night, New Year's Eve and Day. \$15 car (up to 10 passengers); \$25 limousine; \$50 mini bus (up to 30 passengers). A benefit for the Channel 3 Kids Camp. Bring the

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little ones to visit Santa (Fridays 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 5 to 8 p.m.).

FESTIVAL OF SILVER LIGHTS: A display of 350,000 twinkling, white lights is open nightly through Jan. 1 from 5 p.m. to midnight in Meriden's Hubbard Park. Free. 203-630-4259 and meridenct.gov.

FANTASY OF LIGHTS: This holiday display lights up New Haven's Lighthouse Point Park with more than 100,000 bulbs beginning through Dec. 31. A pair of 3D glasses enhances the more than 60 animated light displays, which blink to a radio broadcast. Hours are Sunday to Thursday 5 to 9 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday 5 to 10 p.m. Vehicles are \$10, a minibus is \$25, large buses \$50. 203-777-2000 and eastersealsgoodwill.org

MUSEUMS

DECK THE WALLS: through Jan. 5, Lyme Art Association Old Lyme. More than 200 original works of art by member artists will be on display and priced to sell as holiday gifts. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. lymeartassociation.org, 860-434-7802.

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS: Through Dec. 31 at Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme. Miss Florence's Artist Trees, for which more than 200 local artists have painted a small palette to be used as an ornament, will fill the museum. The Florence Griswold House will be decorated to evoke a 1910 Christmas. Also, Christmas tea events. Admission to museum is \$10, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, free 12 and younger. Admission for teas costs extra. flogris.org, 860-434-5542.

THREE CENTURIES OF CHRISTMAS: Through Jan. 7, Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, Wethersfield. Vintage holiday decorations throughout historic house museum. Preview Party Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. \$35. Candlelight Tours Dec. 15-16 5 to 8 p.m. Daytime tours Saturday to Jan. 7 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Sundays (from 1 to 4 p.m.). Tours cost \$12. webb-deane-stevens.org, 860-529-0612

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WINTERFEST HARTFORD: Through Jan. 7, with free skating on the rink in Bushnell Park, free skate rentals, lessons and classes, from 11

a.m. to 8 p.m. most days (closed at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day; and open from 2 p.m. to midnight on New Year's Eve as part of the First Night celebration). At the other end of the park, the carousel offers \$1 rides on weekends. winterfesthartford.com.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW: Steve Cryan's famous, family-friendly train show, with a operational 26-foot model train layout, returns for its 24th year to the Connecticut River Museum in Essex through Feb. 19. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included in museum admission. 860-767-8269 and ctrivermuseum.org

LANTERN LIGHT TOURS: Mystic runs its 2017 season of Lantern Light Tours through Dec. 23. The 70-minute progressive play is set on Christmas Eve 1876. This year, the story is "The Spirit of the Holiday: A Christmas Ghost Story." Performances, which begin at 5 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes, are Nov. 24 and 25, Dec. 8 to 9, 15 to 17 and 22 to 23. \$32, \$26 members, \$25 children ages 5 to 17, \$19 child members. Not recommended for children 4 and younger. mysticseaport.org.

SHARK-DIVING SANTA: most Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays in December. (No dives Dec. 24 and 25). Also daily Dec. 26 to 31. Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk. Santa will strap on his custom scuba outfit and enter the aquarium's 110,000-gallon "Ocean Beyond the Sound" exhibit, which is home to 7-foot sharks. He'll swim up to the exhibit window and pose with children. 12:15 and 2:15 p.m. Included with admission: \$22.95 adults; \$20.95 (ages 13-17) and seniors (65 and older); \$15.95 ages 3-12. maritimeaquarium.org

CONNECTICUT TROLLEY MUSEUM'S WINTERFEST AND TUNNEL OF LIGHTS: through Dec. 23, and again Dec. 26 through 30, East Windsor. \$12, \$11 seniors (62 and older), \$10 ages 4-12, \$3 age 3 and under; museum members half off. 5 to 9 p.m. Nov 24-26, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10, Dec 15-17 and Dec 22-23. Also Dec. 26-30 from 5 to 9 p.m. for school vacation break. ct-trolley.org

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT: Friday and Sunday, Dec. 15 to 17 and 21 to 23, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass. Evening holiday celebration with historic decorations and costumed historians, strolling carolers, nativity, gingerbread house contest, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. \$28, \$14 ages 4 to 12, free for 3 and younger. osvchristmas.org.




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STAGE CHECKLIST

Kids' Tours,
'Stage Kiss'

By **CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT**
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For grown-ups, much of the fun of the nationally touring shows based on animated children's shows is seeing the manner in which they've jumped from one form of entertainment to another. "PAW Patrol Live" is based on the series about police officers, firefighters and other hardworking professionals who happen to be cuddly dogs. It seems to have made the leap to the stage smartly. Young adults play children, but the dogs are larger than life, heroic, yet believably cartoonish, just as they are on TV.

"PAW Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure" is at the Oakdale in Wallingford for four shows: Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m., 2 and 6 p.m. \$19 to \$65, \$135 for VIP Package. 203-265-1501, oakdale.com.

Staging 'Stage Kiss'

Sarah Ruhl, who is unparalleled at pairing provocative modern themes with classic theatrical structures, continues to rule Connecticut. Several of the playwright's works premiered at the Yale Repertory Theatre (including "Scenes from Court Life" in 2016), and she's beloved by college and community theaters. TheatreWorks New Milford's production of Ruhl's harsh theatrical fantasy "Stage Kiss" is the second time this script has been done in the past few weeks: SCSU's Crescent Players staged it in late November.

"Stage Kiss" is at TheatreWorks New Milford, Friday to Jan. 6. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., with an added Sunday matinee Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$23. 860-350-6863, theatreworks.us.

In Connecticut For Christmas

Linda Eder's been visiting Connecticut since before she was a Broadway star. The pre-Broadway tour of Frank Wildhorn's musical "Jekyll & Hyde," in which Eder co-starred as Lucy, was at the Shubert in New Haven in 1995. Since then, she's regularly brought her concert acts to Connecticut venues as varied as Mohegan Sun Casino and Danbury's Ives Concert Park.



Eder

At 8 p.m. on Friday you can find Eder (who's recorded over a dozen solo albums and appeared on nearly as many musical theater soundtracks or concept albums) at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield. \$57. 203-438-5795, ridgefieldplayhouse.org.



THE SHUBERT

"**RUDOLPH THE** Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" is at the Shubert in New Haven.

Still Playing 'Ragtime'

Shortly after contributing the songs for the animated film "Anastasia" in 1997, lyricist Lynn Ahrens and composer Stephen Flaherty opened their hit Broadway musical adaptation of the E.L. Doctorow novel "Ragtime." Two decades later, both projects still resonate. "Ragtime" had a major New York revival a few years ago. That show's book-writer, Terrence McNally, reunited with Ahrens and Flaherty in 2016 to adapt "Anastasia" for the stage; the musical premiered at Hartford Stage and is now running on Broadway.

"Ragtime" has been embraced by small theaters and school drama programs. It has many interesting roles, some small and some large, some fictional (the central family of Mother, Father, Mother's Younger Brother) and some based on real historical figures (Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, Emma Goldman, Evelyn Nesbit).

"Ragtime" is being performed by Connecticut Theatre Co. Friday through Jan. 14 at The Repertory Theatre, 23 Norden St., New Britain. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25. 860-223-3147, connecticuttheatrecompany.org.

All In The Game

You might recall that Ken Ludwig's comedy "The Game's Afoot" was being done at the Ivoryton Playhouse just last last month. Well, it's afoot again, in a completely different production Saturday through Dec. 17 at the Warner Theatre in Torrington.

The comic mystery's local popularity is not surprising: It is set in East Haddam at the castle-like home of famed early 20th-century actor William Gillette. This latest "Game" is directed by Joe Guttadauro. Performances are Dec. 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. \$30. 860-489-7180 and warnertheatre.org.

Rudolph Returns

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" was at The Bushnell a couple of winters in a row. This season, you can find it Friday to Sunday at the Shubert in New Haven. The stage show, with actors' faces poking out of giant reindeer costumes, doesn't just replicate the classic TV special. It expands upon it with extra songs and routines to make for a slightly longer show. It's still just 75 minutes without intermission, and eminently family-friendly. Performances are Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$39-\$89. 203-562-5666, shubert.com.

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Classic Films Series Includes Little-Known Films, Popular Stars

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Farmington Library, at 6 Monteith Drive, is starting a new series of classic films to run from early December to late January. The lineup includes many little-known gems featuring legendary stars. Showtime is 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission is free. farmingtonlibraries.org. Here's the lineup:

Dec. 7: "Half Angel," a 1951 comedy in which Loretta Young is torn between John Ridgely and Joseph Cotten.

Dec. 14: "Champion," a 1941 suspense drama starring Kirk Douglas as a mob-connected boxer.

Dec. 21: "A Christmas Carol," the 1984 George C. Scott version of the classic holiday tale.

Jan. 4: "Ball of Fire," the 1941 romantic comedy about a brassy showgirl (Barbara Stanwyck) and a stuffy intellectual (Gary Cooper).

Jan. 11: "Cloak and Dagger," a 1946 espionage thriller starring Gary Cooper and Lilli Palmer.

Jan. 18: "To Be or Not to Be," the 1942 comic classic about WWII espionage, starring Jack Benny and Carole Lombard.

Jan. 25: "Nobody Lives Forever," a 1946 film noir in which John Garfield targets, and falls in love with, Geraldine Fitzgerald.



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

IN THE 1951 romance "Half Angel," Loretta Young is torn between John Ridgely and Joseph Cotten.

action comedy about an ex-fed and an ex-mob lawyer who unite to avert disaster. PG-13.

STILL SHOWING

A Bad Moms' Christmas: Comedy, R. Holiday-themed sequel to "Bad Moms" with Kristen Bell and Mila Kunis is formulaic but entertaining.

Coco: Animation, PG. Adventure about a Mexican boy on a journey through the Land of the Dead is a lively and touching story of family.

Daddy's Home 2: Comedy, PG-13. Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell sequel to the comedy about rival dads is surreal, silly and a lot of fun.

The Florida Project: Drama, R. Willem Dafoe story of a little

girl's life is a deft portrayal of poverty.

Justice League: Superhero, PG-13. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman mashup is a chaotic, baffling mess. In 2D and 3D.

Lady Bird: Comedy, R. Saoirse Ronan and Laurie Metcalf star in a comedy about a young woman and her mother. It is the year's most loveable and enchanting movie.

Last Flag Flying: Drama, R. Bryan Cranston-Laurence Fishburne story of three Vietnam vet friends who want to bury a son killed in Iraq has spotty lead performances but strong supporting ones.

Loving Vincent: Animated biopic. Dram about Vincent Van Gogh, with hand-painted animation, is a stunning work of art.

The Man Who Invented Christmas: Biopic, PG. Dan Stevens portrays Charles Dickens in a warm and cozy story about how "Christmas Carol" came to be.

Murder on the Orient Express: Mystery, PG-13. Agatha Christie story of a homicide on a snowbound train. The all-star cast is upstaged by Kenneth Branagh's mustache.

My Friend Dahmer: Biopic, R. Story of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer as a young man is perceptive and avoids exploitation.

Roman J. Israel Esq.: Drama, PG-13. Denzel Washington is remarkable in this crime drama about an idealistic defense attorney, but the plot is weak.

The Star: Animation, PG. Story about the first Christmas, with Christopher Plummer voicing King Herod. It doesn't always work, but when it isn't dull it's charming.

Thor: Ragnarok: Superhero, PG-13. Sequel to "Thor" superhero movie, starring Chris Hemsworth, brings fun and humor to the franchise.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri: Comic drama, R. Story of a woman who seeks justice in her daughter's murder is violent and funny, and Frances McDormand is wonderful.

Wonder: Drama, PG. Julia Roberts story of a facially malformed boy in a new school should be seen by everyone as a lesson in tolerance.

SHORT RUNS

Allegiance: George Takei stars in filmed presentation of Broadway musical about the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Today at 7:30 p.m. Venues: www.fathomevents.com.

Bill Nye: Science Guy: Documentary of the scientist-TV star is informative and inspirational. Closes Thursday at Real Art Ways in Hartford.

Ferryboats on the CT River: Documentary about the ferry services from Rocky Hill to Glastonbury and from Chester to Hadlyme. Wick Griswold will give a talk. Sunday at 1 p.m. at Connecticut River Museum in Essex. Free with museum admission.

Free In Deed: Drama about a man in a storefront church who tries to miraculously cure a child's illness. Friday at 7 p.m.

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OPENING FRIDAY

1945: Drama about two mysterious strangers who come to a Hungarian village in 1945 and turn the town upside down. Limited release.

The Breadwinner: Animated story of a young girl in Afghanistan who disguises herself as a boy to get a job and provide for her family. Real Art Ways. PG-13.

The Disaster Artist: James Franco portrays Tommy Wiseau, director and star of the legendary bad movie "The Room," in this biopic. Limited release. R.

God's Own Country: LGBT romantic drama set in Yorkshire, England. Real Art Ways.

Just Getting Started: Morgan Freeman-Tommy Lee Jones

ART SMART

Wall Of Art To Benefit Lakota Sioux Reservation

By **SUSAN DUNNE**
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Wendy Black-Nasta wants to build a wall. Not a wall to keep people out of the country, but a wall to help create a brighter future.

Black-Nasta, founder of Middletown-based Artists for World Peace, is building her wall on Saturday in Middletown and will hang hundreds of 6 inch-by-6-inch painted canvases on it. Those who buy the artworks in the “6x6 4 Peace” exhibit are helping to finance a free eye-care clinic on the impoverished Rosebud Lakota Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

“The need is so great. ... There is so much extreme poverty there,” says Black-Nasta. “They don’t have health care. They don’t have hope. This is just a tiny beginning, but we want to do something to bring hope and to take care of the people.”

Artists for World Peace, since its founding in 2003, has held art exhibits, concerts and fundraisers to finance humanitarian missions in various countries: a safe house for abused women in Cambodia, an orphanage in Tanzania, a school in Ecuador, college-funding grants in Nepal, a project to bring shoes to children who can’t afford them.

“Once you spend time in a country taking care of disadvantaged people, you see where you can make a huge difference,” Black-Nasta says.

Artists for World Peace also offers educational endowments for youths in the Middletown area. The organization also gets money from donations, grants and memberships, and relies on volunteers to complete



ARTISTS FOR WORLD PEACE exhibit in Middletown is Saturday.

its missions.

The project, called “Native Eyes,” is inspired by Black-Nasta’s late uncle, Luciano Perez. Perez was a Native American (Purépecha) medicine man, who also was made a chief by Chief Leonard Crow Dog of the Lakota tribe.

“He died in 2003. I thought I was starting Artists for World Peace with him,” she says. “I always wanted to do something in his memory.” A delegation of about 50 people — doctors, artists and support staff — will be in South Dakota for the clinic, she says.

About 1,500 artists responded to her Facebook post to provide little paintings for the exhibit, Black-Nasta says, and about half of those will be displayed on the Middletown wall. The rest will be displayed the following weekend, Saturday, Dec. 16, in the big Erector Square complex in New Haven, at the studio of artist-dancer Annie Sailer.

Paintings can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$50, but any amount more than that is welcome. Those items that don’t sell can be purchased at a later date from an online gallery at artistsforworldpeace.org.

Black-Nasta says communal projects can improve people’s outlook.

“People say how bad the country is becoming. I see just the opposite. I see people coming together. All you have to do is ask,” she says.

6X6 4 PEACE will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at deKoven House, 127 Washington St. in Middletown. The second “6x6 4 Peace” event will be at Erector Square in New Haven, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. artistsforworldpeace.org or facebook.com/artistsforworldpeace/.

What's New On Other Walls

► **“Jack & Jackie: The Kennedys in the White House,”** an exhibit of Richard Avedon photographs of the first couple, a re-creation of the Oval Office and costumes and props from the 2011 miniseries “The Kennedys,” will be at the D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts, part of the Springfield Museums complex in Springfield from Friday to March 25. springfieldmuseums.org.

► **“On Another Note: The Intersection of Art and Music,”** an exhibit of artwork inspired by music, will be at Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London, until March 11. Artists are Mark Applebaum, Kinan Azmeh, Kevork Mourad, Jane Benson, Harry Bertoia, John Boone, Luke DuBois, Carlos Estevez, Michael Fairfax, Ana Flores, Charles Gaines, Anita Glesta, Maria Elena Gonzalez, Michael Hamad, Ann Hamilton, Kira Lee, Glenda Leon, Whitfield Lovell, Ellen Priest, Robert Kushner and Kurt Steiger. lymanallyn.org.

► **Art League of New Britain** will hold a small works exhibit and sale from Friday, when it opens with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m., until Dec. 17. The gallery is open Saturdays and

Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. All items are \$200 or less. alnb.org.

► **David M. Hunt Library** in Falls Village, presents “12 by 12” from Saturday (opening reception 5 to 7 p.m.) to 30. All work is 12 by 12 inches and is \$100. Artists are Marcia Altemus, John Atchley, Lori Barker, Stuyvesant Bearns, Megan Berk, Sharon Brisnehan, Jane Capellaro, Mary Anne Carley, Lorraine Connolly, Erika Crofut, Robert Cronin, Karen Culbreth, Lillian Culbreth, Lynn Curtis, Jennifer Damiano, Amelia deNeergaard, Patricia Decker, John Dildine, Virginia Dildine, Bonnie Evans, Sergei Fedorjaczenko, Zoe Fedorjaczenko, Israel Fitch, Jill Gibbons, Richard Griggs, Prudence Haze, John Hodgson, Shaari Horowitz, Michelle Iglesias, Joey Jablonski, Gail Jacobson, Tory Jadow, Rebecca Juchert, Amanda Kauftheil, Sallie Ketcham, Garth Kobal, Michael Lampro, Karen LeSage, Lillian Lovitt, Louise March, Joseph Markow, Sarah Martinez, Carole McGuire, Randy McKee, Roger McKee, Lonnie Miles, Hope Mongeau, Terri Moore, Patty Mullins, Ken Musselman, Phyllis Nauts, Charles Noyes, Karin Noyes, Sue Pakula, Robert Andrew Parker, Jean Parks, Priscilla Pavel, Mary Perotti, Katherine Porter, Bernie Re, Bill Reed, Robin Roraback, Tom Schaefer, Ingrid Schaefer, Diane Schapira, Carol Simko, Elizabeth Spring, Lyndee Stalter, Jude Streng, Carol Timolat, Vali Valenti, Justine Valla, Victor Valla, Craig Wickwire and Judith Wyer. huntlibrary.org.

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ALT SCREEN

'Tom Of Finland' Looks At Artist

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Cinestudio, the art-house theater at 300 Summit St. at Trinity College in Hartford, has two unique offerings this week: one an homage to a pioneering homoerotic artist, the other a comedy about communism. The theater also will show a classic comedy in a late-night screening.

From Sunday to Dec. 14, "Tom of Finland" will be shown. The biopic tells the story of Touko Laaksonen, a WWII vet who returns home to Finland to find repression of gays rampant. He takes refuge in his studio creating homoerotic art, which becomes legendary. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. daily, with a 5 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

"Young Marx" will be shown today at 2 p.m. The National Theatre Live production will be broadcast live from the Bridge Theatre in London. It tells the story of Karl Marx when he lived in London, broke and paranoid about everyone zeroing in on him. The show will be repeated on Sunday at 1 p.m.

On Friday at 10:30 p.m., Emma Stone stars in "Easy A," a 2010 comic drama about a teenager who is rumored to be promiscuous, so she decides to let the rumor run rampant and see what happens. The story is inspired by Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter."

Admission is \$10, \$8 seniors and students, \$7 Friends of Cinestudio. cinestudio.org.



KINO LORBER

"TOM OF FINLAND" is the biopic about the pioneering homoerotic artist.

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at Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall St. in New Haven. Followed by a Q&A with producer Mike Ryan. Free.

Hansel and Gretel: Met Live in HD presentation of filmed Metropolitan Opera production of opera by Humperdinck, starring Alice Coote and Christine Schäfer. Special holiday encore presentation, filmed in 2008. Saturday at 12:55 p.m. Venues: fathomevents.com, and Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main St. in Old Saybrook. Also Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. at Quick Center at Fairfield University.

No Man's Land Film Festival: Evening of short films about women participating in outdoor adventure sports. Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall St. in New Haven. Free.

Reel Rock 12: Outdoor Sports Center Adventure Film Series: Four short films about outdoor sports. Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Fairfield Theater Center.

Tom of Finland: Biopic about Touko Laaksonen, a Finnish gay artist. Sunday to Thursday at Cinestudio in Hartford. Showtime 7:30 daily, with a 5 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Young Marx: National Theatre Live presentation of filmed production on London's West End of a comedy about Karl Marx and other enemies of capitalism. Sunday at 1 p.m. at Cinestudio in Hartford.

Zero Weeks: Documentary about the widespread lack of paid family leave in the American workplace. Today at 6 p.m. at Carriage House Theatre, 360 Farmington Ave. in Hartford.

SEE IT AGAIN

2001: A Space Odyssey: Sci-fi classic from 1968 about astronauts threatened by a superintelligent computer. Today to Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with a 2:30 p.m. Saturday, at Cinestudio in Hartford.

Amistad: Anthony Hopkins-Djimon Hounsou 1997 drama about the 1839 rebellion aboard a ship full of slaves. Sunday at 2 p.m. at Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall St. in New Haven. R. Free.

Back to the Future: Michael J. Fox 1985 fantasy about a teen who goes back in time. Friday at 9:30 p.m. at Mystic Luxury Cinemas. PG.

Easy A: Emma Stone 2010 comic drama about a teenager who lets the school think she is easy to boost her popularity. Friday at 10:30 p.m. at Cinestudio in Hartford. PG-13.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Fiftieth anniversary screening of Katharine Hepburn-Sidney Poitier 1967 drama about a young woman who brings her African-American fiancée home to meet her parents. Sunday and Wednesday at 2 and 7 p.m. Venues: fathomevents.com.

The Light Ahead (Fishe der Krumer): Yiddish-language 1939 romantic drama about a young couple in search of a better life. Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center, University of Hartford in West Hartford. Free.

Miracle on 34th Street: Christmas classic from 1947 about the real Santa Claus. Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Criterion Cinemas in New Haven.

Monty Python's The Meaning of Life: Comedy musical from 1983 about life in all of its stages. Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at Avon Theatre in Stamford. R.

Scrooged: Bill Murray 1988 adaptation of "A Christmas Carol." Sunday and Monday at 11:30 p.m. each day, at Criterion Cinemas in New Haven. PG-13.

SEE IT FREE

This week's featured free library movie is **The Letter**. The 1940 film noir stars Bette Davis as a woman who shoots a man and claims self-defense. It will be shown Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. at Middletown public library.

Check your local library website for more free movies.

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SCIENCE CENTER

3-D theater, 250 Columbus Blvd., Hartford. Showtimes: ctsciencecenter.org

Dream Big, Journey to Space

MARITIME AQUARIUM

IMAX theater, 10 N. Water St., Norwalk. Showtimes: www.maritimeaquarium.org

Amazon Adventure, Beavers, Dream Big, Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean

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CINESTUDIO
300 Summit St., Trinity College (860-297-CINE)
2001: A Space Odyssey (G) Thurs.-Fri.: 7:30;
Sat. 2:30, 7:30.**Easy A** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30.**National Theatre Live: Young Marx** (Not Rated) Thurs. 2;
Sun. 1.**Tom of Finland** (Not Rated) Sun. 5, 7:30.

CINEMA CITY AT THE PALACE
330 New Park Ave. (860-549-0030)
Coco (PG) Fri.-Sun.: 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 7,
9:30.**Justice League** (PG-13) Sat. 10:10.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Fri.-Sun.:
10:20, 12:15, 2:50, 5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:45.**Last Flag Flying** (R) Thurs. 12:20, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15; Fri. 11:20,
4:45, 7:40; Sat. 4:45, 7:40; Sun. 11:20, 4:45,
7:40.**The Man Who Invented Christmas** (PG)
Thurs. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 2:15, 10:30.**My Friend Dahmer** (R) Fri.-Sun.: 11, 1:30, 4, 6:50,
9:40.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 12:40, 1:50, 3:20, 4:30, 6:20,
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CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER'S HOFFMAN FOUNDATION 3D THEATER
250 Columbus Blvd. (860-724-3623)
Dream Big: Engineering Our World 3D (Not Rated) Thurs.-Fri.: 1, 3; Sat.-Sun.: 11, 1, 3.**Journey to Space 3D** (Not Rated) Thurs.-Fri.: 2, 4; Sat.-Sun.: 12, 2, 4.

PALACE 17 AND ODYSSEY THEATER
330 New Park Ave. (860-236-6677)
Coco (PG) Thurs. 12:30, 1:40, 3:30, 4:40, 6:40, 7:40, 9:40, 10:40; Fri.-Sun.: 10:40, 11:10, 1:10, 1:50, 3:40, 4:20, 7, 9:30; Fri.-Sun.: 10, 12:30, 3.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:10, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:45; Fri.-Sun.: 12:10, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50.**The Disaster Artist** (R) Thurs. 7, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40; Fri.-Sat.: 10:30, 11:30, 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 6:40, 7:20, 8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 11; Sun. 10:30, 11:30, 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 6:40, 7:20; Sun. 8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 11.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri. 10, 12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sat. 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. 10, 12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sat. 10, 12:20.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:50, 2:10, 3:40, 5, 7:45, 10:50; Fri.-Sun.: 10:10, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10; Thurs. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Fri.-Sun.: 6:10, 9.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 1:20, 2:20, 3:50, 4:50, 6:10, 7:20, 8:40, 9:50, 11; Fri.-Sun.: 10:20, 12:15, 2:50, 5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:45.**Last Flag Flying** (R) Thurs. 12:20, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15; Fri. 11:20, 4:45, 7:40; Sat. 4:45, 7:40; Sun. 11:20, 4:45, 7:40.**The Man Who Invented Christmas** (PG) Thurs. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 2:15, 10:30.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Fri.-Sun.: 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:40.**My Friend Dahmer** (R) Fri.-Sun.: 11, 1:30, 4, 6:50, 9:40.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 1, 4, 7, 10:15; Fri.-Sun.: 3:10, 6:20, 9:15.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 1:10; Fri. 10:25, 12:40; Sat.-Sun.: 12:40; Thurs. 3:35, 6.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:55; Fri.-Sun.: 10:05, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 12:40, 1:50, 3:20, 4:30, 6:20, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20; Fri.-Sun.: 11:15, 12:50, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:30.**Vienna State Opera: The Nutcracker** (Not Rated) Sun. 10.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 1:15, 4:10, 6:50, 9:45; Fri.-Sun.: 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15.

REAL ART WAYS CINEMA
56 Arbor St. (860-232-1006)
Bill Nye: Science Guy (Not Rated) Thurs. 7.**The Breadwinner** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: 5:15.**The Florida Project** (R) Thurs.-Fri.: 2:30; Sat.-Sun.: 1.**God's Own Country** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.: 7:15.**Loving Vincent** (PG-13) Thurs. 5; Sat.-Sun.: 3:15.

SPOTLIGHT THEATRES FRONT STREET

39 Front St. (860-422-7711)
Coco (PG) Fri. 11, 1:35, 4:45, 7:05; Sat. 11, 1:35, 5:30, 7:05; Sun. 12, 2, 4:45, 7:25.**Justice League** (PG-13) Fri. 11:25, 2:05, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sat. 12, 2:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. 2:40, 4:40, 7:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.: 11, 1:55, 4:20, 7, 10; Sun. 12, 2, 5:20, 8:05.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Fri. 11:10, 1:35, 4:15, 7:25, 9:40; Sat. 11:10, 1:35, 4:15, 8:15, 9:40; Sun. 2:35, 5:20, 7:20.

OTHER TOWNS

BERLIN

PICTURE SHOW @ BERLIN
19 Frontage Road (860-829-1277)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 10:25.**Coco** (PG) Thurs. 11:45, 1:20, 2:35, 4:10, 5:25, 7:15, 8:15, 10:05.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:55, 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:35, 1:30, 2:25, 4:15, 5:10, 7, 8:10, 9:40.**Let There Be Light** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:10, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:25.**The Star** (R) Thurs. 12, 2:10, 5, 7:20, 9:25.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:40, 2:30, 5:20, 8:15.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 11:30, 12:05, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15, 7:20, 7:50, 10.

BLOOMFIELD

AMC CLASSIC BLOOMFIELD 8
863 Park Ave (860-286-7900)
Coco (PG) Thurs. 6; Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 10; Sat. 1; Sat.-Sun.: 1:15, 3:50, 6:25, 9.**Coco 3D** (PG) Thurs. 8:55.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 6:10, 8:40; Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Sat. 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10; Sun. 1, 6:40.**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 50th Anniversary (1967) Presented by TCM** (Not Rated) Sun. 2, 7.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri. 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; Sat. 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; Sun. 1:45, 4:15, 6:15, 8:45.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 6:10; Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; Sun. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30.**Justice League 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 9.**Marshall** (PG-13) Thurs. 6:05, 8:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 6:30; Fri. 4:05, 7:05, 10:10; Sat. 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Sun. 3:20, 6:05, 8:50.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 7:30; Fri. 4:25, 9:55; Sat. 3:10, 6:10, 9:10; Sun. 3:40.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 6, 9; Fri. 6:30, 9:40; Sat. 3:20, 6:30, 9:40; Sun. 2:05, 5:10, 8:15.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 6:40; Fri. 4, 6:40, 9:20; Sat. 1:05, 4, 6:40, 9:20; Sun. 3:25, 6:10, 8:55.

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REGAL BRANFORD STADIUM 12
325 East Main St. (203-481-4069)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 1:40, 4:30, 7:35; Fri. 7:15, 9:55; Sat. 2, 7:15, 9:55; Sun. 7:15.**Coco** (PG) Thurs. 1, 4, 7; Fri.-Sat.: 1, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; Sun. 1, 3:30, 6:30.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:10, 3:55, 6:30; Fri.-Sat.: 1:45, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40; Sun. 1:45, 4:10, 6:50.**George Takei's Allegiance on Broadway** (Not Rated) Thurs. 7:30.**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 50th Anniversary (1967) Presented by TCM** (Not Rated) Sun. 2, 7.**Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle** (PG-13) Fri. 7.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.: 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30; Sun. 1:15, 3:45, 6:45.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:15, 1:45, 4:10, 4:55, 7:20, 7:50; Fri.-Sat.: 1:10, 1:40, 3:55, 4:35, 6:55, 7:25, 9:50, 10:20; Sun. 1:10, 1:40, 3:55, 4:35, 6:55, 7:25.**The Metropolitan Opera:**

Hansel and Gretel Encore (Not Rated) Sat. 12:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:25, 4:40, 7:30; Fri.-Sat.: 1:25, 4:35, 6:35, 9:35; Sun. 1:25, 4:35, 6:35.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 1, 4:20, 7:25; Fri.-Sat.: 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 1:20, 3:50, 7:05; Fri.-Sun.: 1:20, 3:35.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:05, 4:05, 7:40; Fri. 1:05, 4, 7:30, 10; Sat. 1:05, 4, 7, 10; Sun. 1:05, 4, 7.**Thor: Ragnarok 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:35, 4:35; Fri. 1:35, 4:30, 10:30; Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 1:55, 4:45, 7:45; Fri.-Sat.: 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. 1:30, 4:25, 7:20.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; Fri.-Sat.: 1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45; Sun. 1:30, 4:05, 7:05.

ENFIELD

ENFIELD 12
25 Hazard Ave. (860-253-0265)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 11:10, 1:50, 4:25; Fri.-Sun.: 11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:20.**Coco** (PG) Thurs. 11:15, 12:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:45, 8:15, 9:45; Fri.-Sun.: 11:15, 12:45, 2:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:45, 8:15, 9:45.**Coco 3D** (PG) Thurs. 2:15.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs.-Sun.: 11:05, 1:40, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50.**George Takei's Allegiance on Broadway** (Not Rated) Thurs. 7:30.**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 50th Anniversary (1967) Presented by TCM** (Not Rated) Sun. 2, 7.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs.-Fri.: 11:40, 1:10, 2:40, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:40, 10:10; Sat. 11:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:40, 10:10; Sun. 11, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30, 10:10.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs.-Sun.: 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.**The Metropolitan Opera: Hansel and Gretel Encore** (Not Rated) Sat. 12:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs.-Sun.: 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:10, 3:35, 7:05, 10:05.**The Star** (PG) Thurs.-Sun.: 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs.-Sun.: 12:15, 3:30, 6:50, 10.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs.-Sun.: 11, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15.

LITCHFIELD

BANTAM CINEMA
Route 209, Bantam (860-567-0006)
Lady Bird (R) Thurs. 7:15; Fri. 7:30; Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 8; Sun. 2:30, 5:15.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs.-Fri.: 7; Sat. 2, 4:45, 7:30; Sun. 2, 4:45.

MADISON

MADISON ART CINEMAS
761 Boston Post Road (203-245-3456)
Lady Bird (R) Thurs.-Sun.: 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs.-Sun.: 12, 2:30, 5, 7:25.

MANCHESTER

PARKADE CINEMAS
308 Broad St (860-647-1439)
Daddy's Home 2 (PG-13) Thurs. 12, 6:30; Fri. 12, 6:15, 8:35; Sat. 12, 2, 4, 6:15, 8:35; Sun. 12, 2, 4, 6:15.**The Foreigner** (R) Thurs. 6:30.**The LEGO NINJAGO Movie** (PG) Thurs.-Fri.: 12; Sat.-Sun.: 12, 2:05, 4:10.**Marshall** (PG-13) Thurs. 12.**My Little Pony: The Movie** (PG) Thurs. 12.**Only the Brave** (PG-13) Thurs. 6:20; Fri. 6:15, 8:05; Sat. 1:50, 6:15, 8:05; Sun. 1:50, 6:15.**The Star** (PG) Fri. 12, 6:15, 8:40; Sat. 12, 2:10, 4:25, 6:15, 8:40; Sun. 12, 2:10, 4:25, 6:15.**Thank You for Your Service** (R) Thurs. 6:30; Fri.-Sat.: 6:15, 8:15; Sun. 6:15.**Victoria & Abdul** (PG-13) Thurs.-Fri.: 12; Sat.-Sun.: 12, 4.

BUCKLAND HILLS 18 + IMAX
99 Red Stone Road (860-646-4555)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 1:20, 4, 6:35, 9:10; Fri.-Sun.: 11:50, 2:35, 5:30, 8:25, 11.**Coco** (PG) Thurs. 11, 11:30, 1, 2:45, 4:15, 6, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30; Fri. 11:40, 1, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7:40, 8:20, 9, 10:20, 11; Sat. 11:40, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7:40, 8:20, 9, 10:20, 11; Sun. 11:25, 1, 3, 3:40, 5:40, 6:20, 8:20, 9, 10:20, 11.**Coco 3D** (PG) Thurs. 2, 5:15; Fri.-Sun.: 12:20.**Coco: The IMAX 2D Experience** (PG) Thurs. 12, 3:15; Fri.-Sun.: 11, 1:40, 4:20.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Fri.-Sun.: 11:45, 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 10.**The Disaster Artist** (R) Thurs. 7, 9:50; Fri.-Sun.: 11:15, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15.**George Takei's Allegiance on Broadway** (Not Rated) Thurs. 7:30.**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 50th Anniversary (1967) Presented by TCM** (Not Rated) Sun. 2, 7.**Jawaan** (Not Rated) Thurs. 11:45, 3.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:15, 12:15, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 8:30, 10:55; Fri. 12:10, 1:20, 4:15, 6:10, 7:50, 10:50; Sat. 12:10, 4:15, 6:10, 7:50, 10:50; Sun. 12:10, 1:20, 4:15, 6:10, 7:50, 10:50.**Justice League 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:15, 8; Fri.-Sun.: 3:10, 9:10.**Justice League: The IMAX 2D Experience** (PG-13) Thurs. 6:30, 9:50; Fri.-Sun.: 6:50, 9:50.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 12:40, 3:10, 6:20, 8:50; Fri.-Sun.: 12, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:35.**The Man Who Invented Christmas** (PG) Thurs. 11:05, 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40; Fri.-Sun.: 12:35, 3:15, 6, 8:35.**The Metropolitan Opera: Hansel and Gretel Encore** (Not Rated) Sat. 12:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:20, 2:05, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40; Fri.-Sun.: 11:20, 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 10:55.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:40, 2:40, 5:40, 8:40; Fri.-Sun.: 6:40, 9:40.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 12:25, 2:50, 5:05; Fri.-Sun.: 11:10, 1:30, 3:45.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 12:45, 4, 7:20, 10:30.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 11:35, 2:30, 5:20, 8:05, 10:50; Fri.-Sun.: 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:55, 10:40.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Fri.-Sun.: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15.

MANSFIELD

MANSFIELD MOVIEPLEX: Route 195 (860-450-1019)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 2:30, 5, 7:30; Fri.-Sat.: 7:40, 10:10; Sun. 7:40.**Coco** (PG) Thurs. 1:20, 4:10, 7; Fri.-Sat.: 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:50, 4:20, 6:40; Fri.-Sat.: 11:10, 1:35, 4, 6:30, 9:05; Sun. 11:10, 1:35, 4, 6:30.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.: 11:40, 2:10, 4:25, 6:40, 8:55; Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:25, 6:40.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:40, 4:25, 7:20; Fri.-Sat.: 1:25, 4:10, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 1:25, 4:10, 7:30.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:10, 4, 6:50; Fri.-Sat.: 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; Sun. 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 1:35, 3:50, 6:10; Fri.-Sun.: 2:05, 4:20.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:30, 4:45, 7:40; Fri.-Sat.: 1, 4:05, 7, 9:55; Sun. 1, 4:05, 7.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 2, 4:35, 7:10; Fri.-Sat.: 11:25, 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Sun. 11:25, 2, 4:35, 7:10.

MIDDLETOWN

R/C THEATRES METRO MOVIES 12
200 Main St. (860-346-4000)
Coco (PG) Thurs. 11:30, 1:10, 2:25, 4:05, 5:20, 8:15.**Daddy's Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:05, 1:30, 3:55, 6:20, 8:45.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 11, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 11, 12:0, 3:40, 6, 7, 8:20, 9:20.**The Man Who Invented**

Christmas (PG) Thurs. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:10, 2, 4:50, 7:40.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 11, 2, 5, 8.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 5:20, 7:15, 8, 9:55.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 11:10, 11:50, 1:55, 2:35, 4:40, 7:25.

NEW HAVEN

CINE 1-2-3-4
371 Middleton Ave. (203-776-5546)
The Florida Project (R) Thurs. 7:30; Fri. 7:50; Sat. 2:30, 7:50; Sun. 2:30, 7:30.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 7:30; Fri. 5:10, 7:50; Sat. 11:40, 1:30, 3:20, 5:10, 7:50; Sun. 11:40, 1:30, 3:20, 5:10, 7:30.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 7:30; Fri. 5:10, 7:50; Sat. 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50; Sun. 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 7:30; Fri. 5:10, 7:50; Sat. 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50; Sun. 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30.**Victoria & Abdul** (PG-13) Fri. 5:10; Sat.-Sun.: 11:50, 5:10.

CRITERION CINEMAS
86 Temple Street (203-498-2500)
1945 (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.: 12:20, 3, 5:30, 7:40, 10.**Bill Nye: Science Guy** (Not Rated) Thurs. 1:10, 3:30, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20.**The Disaster Artist** (R) Thurs. 7, 9:30; Fri. 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun.: 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; Fri. 11:10, 1:50, 4:40**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri. 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 7, 9:30; Sat. 2:15, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10; Fri. 11:20, 2:10, 5, 7:45, 10:25; Sat. 11:20, 2:10, 5, 7:45; Sun. 11:20, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:20; Sat. 10:25.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 12:10, 2:35, 5, 7:20, 9:40; Fri.-Sun.: 11:40, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10.**Last Flag Flying** (R) Thurs. 1:30, 4:20.**Loving Vincent** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 6:40, 9.**Miracle on 34th Street** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun.: 11:30.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:20, 4, 6:30, 9:20; Fri.-Sun.: 11:45, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10.**My Friend Dahmer** (R) Fri.-Sun.: 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:20, 3:20, 7, 10.**Scrooged** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.: 11:30.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50; Fri.-Sat.: 11, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:25, 10:30.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 12, 2:30, 5:10, 8, 10:30; Fri.-Sat.: 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25.**Vienna State Opera: The Nutcracker** (Not Rated) Sun. 11.

NIANTIC

NIANTIC CINEMA
279 Main St. (860-739-6929)
Coco (PG) Thurs. 3:50, 6:50; Fri. 3:50, 6:50, 9:30; Sat. 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:30; Sun. 12:50, 3:50, 6:50.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 4:15, 7:15; Fri. 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 4:05, 7:05; Fri. 4:05, 7:05, 9:30; Sat. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 4, 7; Fri. 4, 7, 9:30; Sat. 1, 4, 7, 9:30; Sun. 1, 4, 7.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 4:10, 7:10; Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30; Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30; Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10.

PLAINVILLE

AMC PLAINVILLE 20
220 New Britain Avenue (860-747-1071)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35; Fri.-Sun.: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30.**Blade Runner 2049** (R) Thurs. 12:15.**Coco** (PG) Thurs.

2:45, 7, 9:15; Fri. 2:15, 3:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 11; Sat.-Sun.: 11:15, 2:15, 3:15, 7:15, 9:15.**Coco 3D** (PG) Thurs. 12:30, 1:45, 3:45, 5, 6; Fri.-Sun.: 12:15, 1:15, 4:15, 5:15, 8:15.**Coco: The IMAX 2D Experience** (PG) Thurs. 12.**Daddy’s Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20; Fri.-Sun.: 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50.**The Disaster Artist** (R) Thurs. 7, 8:30, 9:45; Fri. 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat. 11:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:40, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. 11:10, 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:40, 7:10.**The Disaster Artist: The IMAX 2D Experience** (R) Thurs. 7:45, 10:30; Fri.-Sun.: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10.**Jigsaw** (R) Thurs. 12:05.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri. 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; Sat. 11:25, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. 11:25, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Fri.-Sat.: 12, 3, 6, 9, 10; Sun. 12, 3, 6, 9.**Justice League 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 2:10, 5:10; Fri.-Sat.: 2, 5, 7, 8; Sun. 11, 2, 5, 7, 8.**Justice League: The IMAX 2D Experience** (PG-13) Thurs. 3:10.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 12:05, 3:05, 6:05, 9:05.**The Man Who Invented Christmas** (PG) Thurs. 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40; Fri. 2:45; Sat.-Sun.: 11:45, 2:45.**Marshall** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:25, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30; Fri.-Sun.: 5:45, 8:45.**The Mountain Between Us** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:25, 3:25, 6:25, 9:25; Fri.-Sun.: 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35.**My Friend Dahmer** (R) Thurs. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15; Fri.-Sun.: 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:25; Fri.-Sun.: 5:30, 8:30.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9; Fri. 2:40; Sat.-Sun.: 11:50, 2:40.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:20, 9:50; Fri.-Sun.: 2:50, 9:40.**Thor: Ragnarok 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 3:30, 6:40; Fri. 6:15; Sat.-Sun.: 11:35, 6:15.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Fri.-Sun.: 12:25, 3:25, 6:25, 9:25.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 1:20, 2:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20; Fri.-Sun.: 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20.

SIMSBURY

SIMSBURY COMMONS 8
530 Bushy Hill, Farmington Valley Mall (860-658-0303)
Coco (PG) Thurs. 2, 4:30, 7, 9:20; Fri. 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 9:40; Sat.-Sun.: 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 9:40.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:20; Fri.-Sun.: 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 1:50, 4, 6:25, 8:25; Fri. 3, 4:50, 7:20, 10; Sat.-Sun.: 1, 3, 4:50, 7:20, 10.**The Man Who Invented Christmas** (PG) Fri. 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun.: 12:20, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:50.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 2, 4:25, 7:15, 9:20; Fri.-Sun.: 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:15.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10; Fri.-Sun.: 1:20, 4, 7:10, 9:45.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25; Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10; Sat.-Sun.: 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30; Fri. 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10; Sat.-Sun.: 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10.

SOUTHINGTON

AMC STARPLEX SOUTHTONING 12
Meriden-Waterbury Road (860-467-4785)
A Bad Moms Christmas (R) Thurs. 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 10; Sat.-Sun.: 1:30, 4:30, 7, 10.**Coco** (PG) Thurs. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; Fri.-Sun.: 11:45, 12:45, 2, 5, 6:45.**Coco 3D** (PG) Thurs. 1, 4, 7, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 3:45, 9:45.**Daddy’s Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20.**Just Getting Started** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: 11:30, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15,

10:30.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:10, 7; Fri.-Sun.: 1, 6:30, 7:15, 9:30.**Justice League 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 4:10, 9:45; Fri.-Sun.: 4, 10:15.**Lady Bird** (R) Thurs. 7, 9:45; Fri.-Sun.: 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:25.**The Man Who Invented Christmas** (PG) Thurs. 1:30.**Marshall** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:45, 9:35; Thurs. 1:45.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45; Fri.-Sun.: 12:30, 3:40, 6:20, 9:20.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40; Fri.-Sun.: 7:35, 10:30.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 2:30, 5, 7:20; Fri.-Sun.: 11:40, 2:05, 4:15.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 12, 6; Fri.-Sun.: 12:15, 6:15.**Thor: Ragnarok 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 3, 9:15; Fri.-Sun.: 3:15, 9:15.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Thurs. 11:40, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10; Fri.-Sun.: 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 12:15, 3:15, 6, 9; Fri.-Sun.: 12, 3, 6, 9.

TORRINGTON

AMC CLASSIC TORRINGTON 6
89 Farley Place (860-489-5605)
Coco (PG) Thurs. 3:30, 6:45; Fri. 3:30, 6:30, 9:45; Sat. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:45; Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30.**Daddy’s Home 2** (PG-13) Thurs. 4, 6:45; Fri. 4:15, 10; Sat. 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45; Sun. 5.**Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner 50th Anniversary (1967) Presented by TCM** (Not Rated) Sun. 2.**Justice League** (PG-13) Thurs. 4, 7; Fri. 4, 7, 10; Sat. 1, 4, 7, 10; Sun. 1, 4, 7.**Marshall** (PG-13) Thurs. 4, 7.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 3:45, 7; Fri. 3:30, 6:30, 9:45; Sat. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:45; Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 3:45, 6:45; Fri. 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Sat. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Sun. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45.

WALLINGFORD

HOLIDAY STADIUM 14 CINEMAS
970 North Colony Road (203-265-6911)
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3:55, 7:30, 9:30; Fri.-Sat.: 12, 3:10, 6:10, 9:30; Sun. 12, 3:10, 6:10, 9:30.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:30, 3:10, 6:40, 10:20; Fri.-Sat.: 12:30, 3:30, 6:50, 9:45; Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:50, 9:45.**Roman J. Israel, Esq.** (PG-13) Thurs. 11:10, 2:50, 6:20, 9:35; Fri.-Sat.: 11:45, 3:05, 6:25, 9:35; Sun. 9:35.**The Star** (PG) Thurs. 11:50, 12:35, 3:45, 7:05; Fri.-Sun.: 11:15, 1:35.**Thor: Ragnarok** (PG-13) Thurs. 12:10, 4, 7:10, 9:25, 10; Fri.-Sat.: 11:10, 2:40, 6:20, 9:40; Sun. 11:10, 2:40, 6:20, 9:40.**Thor: Ragnarok 3D** (PG-13) Thurs. 3, 6:30, 9:50; Fri. 4; Sat. 4, 8; Sun. 4, 8.**Wonder** (PG) Thurs. 12:20, 3:40, 7:20, 10:15; Fri. 11:20, 2:10, 5, 8, 10; Sat. 11:20, 2:10, 5, 7:10, 10; Sun. 11:20, 2:10, 5, 7:10, 10.

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Lady Bird (R) Thurs. 7.**Murder on the Orient Express** (PG-13) Thurs.-Sun.: 7.**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** (R) Fri.-Sun.: 7.

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Europe and compare their works with other contemporaneous European and American artists. Hartford. 860-278-2670, wadsworthatheneum.org.

GALLERIES

DEKOVEN HOUSE: Artists for World Peace Pop-Up Gallery. Dec. 9 All proceeds will go to AFWP's NativeEyes Project. Middletown. 860 759 4975, Artistsforworldpeace.org.

BUTTONWOOD TREE: Kathleen Smits Art Show. Through Dec. 31. Kathy paints majestic landscapes in oils and has developed abstract digital art based in photography. Middletown. 860-347-4957, buttonwood.org.

OLIVER O. JENSEN GALLERY, ESSEX STEAM TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT CAMPUS: Images of the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat. Through Dec. 29.Exhibition sponsored by The Valley Railroad Company, Essex, in collaboration with the Essex Art Association, featuring the work of EAA members. Exhibition is open during regular EST & R hours. Essex. essexsteamtrain.com/schedule.

SIX SUMMIT GALLERY: Wonderland. Through Jan. 7. A holiday show headlined by Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts Alumnae Tara Rose Smith and Samantha Listorti. Ivoryton. sixsummitgallery.com.

COOLEY GALLERY: Holiday Sale of Art. Through Jan. 7. Featuring historic and contemporary art in allsizes. Old Lyme. (860) 434-8807, cooleygallery.com .

WESLEYAN POTTERS: 62nd annual Show and Sale. Through Sunday. More than 200 artists from around the country, including our own talented Key Member artists. Many items are-one-of-a-kind and there is something for every taste and pocketbook. Middletown. 860-347-5925, wesleyanpotters.com.

SCIENCE & MARITIME

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER: Alien Worlds and Androids. Through Jan. 7. Through pop culture and actual science from NASA/JPL, the exhibit discusses artificial intelligence and the hunt for like outside of Earth. Hartford. 860-948-1613, ctsciencecenter.org.

MYSTIC AQUARIUM AND INSTITUTE FOR EXPLORATION: Contemporary American Marine Art. Through Jan. 31. This juried show features the works of marine artists recognized by the Society as the best in contemporary marine art. The exhibition includes 120 works of painting, sculpture, and scrimshaw from the nation's leading marine artists. Selected from more than 500 pieces

submitted for consideration, the works represent a wide variety of subject matter, medium, technique, and inspired vision. mysticseaport.org.

MYSTIC SEAPORT: Life in Balance: The Art of Nikki McClure. Through Dec. 31. A collection of original pieces that is now open in the museum's C.D. Mallory Building. Considered one of the leading papercut artists in the world, McClure's specialty is chronicling the details of everyday life. 888-973-2767, mysticseaport.org.

HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

COLCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Open 11a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, except holiday weekends. Formerly the Reverend Ballard home, museum features unique exhibits about people and institutions associated with the town of Colchester. Tours of museum during off-hours may be arranged by appointment. Colchester. 860-537-4230, colchesterhistory.org.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: A Vanished Port: Middletown and the Caribbean, 1750-1824 . Depicts the luxurious life of merchants as shown in the society's collections, but also shows that Middletown's prosperity rested on the suffering of enslaved workers in the sugar

monoculture of the English Caribbean. Middletown. 860-346-0746, middlesexhistory.org.

NEW ENGLAND CAROUSEL MUSEUM: Offering an array of magnificently carved antique wooden carousel pieces on display. Bristol. 860-585-5411, thecarouselmuseum.org.

WINDHAM TEXTILE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Trains, Toys and Trees. Friday through Jan. 6. Holiday display at them Mill Museum. Willimantic. 860-456-2178, cteastrrmuseum.org.

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, EZRA AND CECILE ZILKHA GALLERY: Black Pulp!. Through Sunday. Features a century of critical interpretations of Black identity in American history through art and rare literary works; historical printed media on display with contemporary works of art by 21 artists. Highlights works by artists, graphic designers, writers, and publishers in formats ranging from little known comic books and covers for historic books and magazines, to etchings, digital prints, drawings, and media-based works by some of today's leading artists.Free admission. Middletown. 860-685-3355, wesleyan.edu/cfa.

BOOMER, DUDE

- ACROSS
- 1 Quagga kin

7 Warm and cozy

12 Lumber suppliers

20 Most sickly

21 Poet Frank

22 High spot?

23 Bounding French dog?

25 Offseason, in baseball slang

26 Audibly lament

27 Google rival

28 Mattress company

30 Heavy drinker

31 Refer (to)

34 Vacuum company execs?

37 1945 conference city

40 __ Fein

42 Frank

43 West Coast beer, familiarly

44 Pirate's club

46 Pilfer

48 Holy orders, e.g.

49 Tel __

53 One who takes pictures of oriels?

57 Former

59 Actress Pia

60 iTunes download

61 Unmitigated

62 "No time to waste"

63 " __ never work"

65 "The building manager's
- available now"?

70 Main dishes

73 Perch atop

74 The Islam sect is ahead?

78 Mumbai butter

79 Apothecary unit

83 Smooth, as one's feathers

84 Fill with joy

86 Complete

88 Baby auto accessory

91 Main Igloo?

93 TV ET et al.

94 Hit by the Kinks

96 Prefix for glottis

97 Iowa Wild's org.

98 Env. extra

99 Weird thing

101 Offed, as a dragon

103 "My take is . . ."

105 Check the backwoods for fingerprints?

110 Floor finisher

112 Peru natives

113 "Bummer"

115 Workout top

116 Posted

120 Justice Thomas

123 Lush on a Quidditch team?

126 Special mall event

127 Sedated

128 Awake at 1 a.m., e.g.

129 Swore (to)

130 Piece of nightwear

131 "For shame!"

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BOSTON GLOBE CROSSWORD

- DOWN
- 1 Flies (by)

2 Wells race

3 Medium site

4 Linux variety

5 Handy talk? (abbr.)

6 Great bargain

7 Hopeful plea

8 Resistance bit

9 War room pinups

10 Former FBI chief

11 Medicinal herb

12 "Ditto"

13 Mil. mail site

14 Kimmel specialty

15 "There's no other explanation"

16 " __ Sexy"

17 Parkinson's drug

18 Lifting tool

19 Famous dummy

24 Ren faire bouts

29 It is human, so they say

32 Birthday activity?

33 Class signer-upper

35 Within (pref.)

36 Nothing, to Macron
- 37 "Wowiel"

38 False handle

39 Carter of Wonder Woman

41 Tyro Reddit user

45 Watches for

47 Cals. counterparts

49 Look after

50 Caesar's life

51 Chatted online

52 Uber

54 Excellence, in slang

55 Dragged in

56 Ostrich kin

58 German bread

64 Three in front?

66 Girls' braids

67 Outer space

68 Woody plant

69 Best man's address

71 Front __ (half a golf course)

72 One bringing an action

74 Persian welfare grp.

75 Eurasian river

76 Foam football brand

77 Motion at the barre

80 Infuriates

81 Team building?
- 82 Clemency

85 Roadie's boxes

87 "And that's the truth!"

89 Gucci of fashion

90 List heading

91 Barbecue spot

92 Tedious affair

95 Kind of oil

99 Worry (over)

100 "OK, however . . ."

102 Diner, e.g.

104 Polio virologist, formally

105 Statements

106 Not rented

107 Inconsiderable

108 Paris pie

109 Rhone tributary

111 First performance

114 __-Frank (2010 bill)

117 "L __, c'est moi!"

118 Celtics rivals

119 Long trip

121 Rebel Turner

122 LBJ's team, briefly

124 London snoring letter

125 10-inch records, often



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- ★ Roomful of Blues Fri. 12/29
- ★ Big Al Anderson & the Floor Models ft. Jim Chapdelaine, Lorne Entress & Paul Kochanski Sat. 12/30

- ★ Tower Of Power - New Year's Eve Party Sun. 12/31 7 PM & 9 PM 2 Shows!
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- ★ The Sounds of Frank Sun. 1/7
- ★ Neko Case w/ Mt. Joy Fri. 1/12
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- ★ Lucinda & Michael - Jingle This Sun. 12/10 7:30 PM
- ★ Parsonsfield - Holiday Acoustic Tour Fri. 12/15 8 PM
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- ★ Jay Ungar, Molly Mason & The Family Band Sun. 12/17 1:30 PM MATINEE!

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- ★ Stephen Kellogg and The South, West, North, East Sat. 12/30
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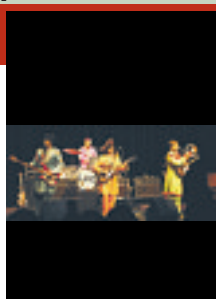
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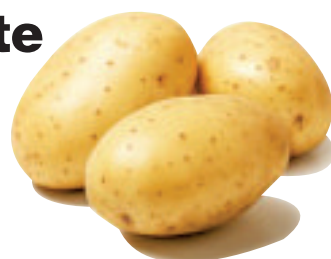
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A gift for pets in need

By Susan Wollschlager

As you're making gift lists and checking them twice, here's an idea that saves time, wrapping paper and – best of all – saves a life. Honor a special someone by making a donation to pets in need at the Connecticut Humane Society.

Perfect for the animal lover in your life, the relative who's already got enough funny mugs, your pet-loving coworker, or pretty much anyone you want to remember during the holidays, this present makes a long-lasting and meaningful impact.

If your loved one appreciates Bob Barker's signature spay/neuter sign-off on "The Price is Right," consider a \$100 donation to spay or neuter a CHS pet since all pets are spayed or neutered by the medical team before they start looking for a family. If you're honoring someone who's passionate about educating youngsters, \$25 supports humane education in the local community through CHS' school programs.



A donation of \$36 fills pets' food bowls, and \$50 buys a test for preventable illnesses that are detected and treated by CHS veterinarians. Anyone who has nursed a sick pet will be grateful for a \$200 donation in their name for medical care for pets such as Lizzie, a boxer who came to CHS from Texas after Hurricane Harvey.



With a growing number of pets needing medical care, donations for veterinary treatment are vital. CHS' medical department is busy seven days a week with everything from bladder stone surgeries and knee operations to dental work.

When you make a holiday tribute gift online at bit.ly/chstribute, an e-card will be sent to your recipient or you can request that a card be mailed.

Want to give a gift that literally will lay a path for a better future? Buy a memorial brick and engrave it with a message or name (maybe a pet's name) for the front walkway of CHS' Waterford Pet Wellness and Adoption Center. Each brick is \$100. Visit bit.ly/chsbricks, or contact Alicia Wright at 860-594-4502, Ext. 6309, awright@cthumane.org.

If Secret Santa is getting old around the office, an ugly sweater dress-down day can fundraise for CHS pets and make work feel festive. Visit cthumane.org/getinvolved for ideas.

When you surprise a friend or loved one with a donation to CHS, you're spreading joy and saving a pet's life – no wrapping or big red bow needed.

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OH, PERFECT TREE!

Everything you need to know to pick out and decorate the best Christmas tree ever

**By Matthew M. F. Miller
& Anna Sachse**

Lush, lovely and aromatic, the Christmas tree is the focal point of the most wonderful time of the year, and not just because it's the destination for scads of wrapped gifts.

"Real Christmas trees are symbolic of this season of giving and sharing and family gatherings," says Tom Dull, a Christmas tree grower and president of the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA). "Nothing says Christmas better than the fresh scent, feel and texture of a real Christmas tree."

According to the National Gardening Association, the most popular variety of tree is the Scotch pine. Its upward-curving branches, perfect for hanging

When stringing lights, start at the bottom of the tree and work up. Run the lights through the interior and exterior of the branches to add depth.

ornaments, and resistance to dropping needles make it a holiday favorite. Also popular is the Balsam fir, which is tall and slender with 1/2-inch-long needles, making this aromatic tree perfect for tighter spaces. Other popular choices include the Douglas fir (big and full with longer needles); the Fraser fir (a perfectly shaped tree with dark green needles that appear silver underneath); and the Colorado blue spruce with its iconic bluish-gray hue.

Whether you select a tree as a family at your local Christmas tree farm, or from a retailer, the earlier you pick out your tree the better chance you'll have of finding the perfect one.

When it comes time to decorate, start by considering a color scheme. For traditionalists, colors such as red, green, white, gold and silver never get old. For a bold effect, try fuchsia, chartreuse and turquoise.

It can be fun to create a theme, such as an "enchanted forest" with amber lights, pinecone garland, mini gold balls, owl ornaments and faux birds nestled in branches, says Nicole Sforza, a freelance writer and former senior editor for Real Simple magazine. Either way, always start with lights, followed by garland and then ornaments. Keep real trees away from direct sunlight, air vents, heaters and

fireplaces to prevent premature drying and accidental fires.

BEFORE YOU BUY

Before buying a tree, touch the branches. The needles should feel soft and supple, Sforza says. It's also important that the overall color isn't faded, the bark of the outer twigs isn't wrinkled and the exterior needles stay intact when the tree gets gently bounced.

Fraser firs are one of the most popular options, Sforza says. "They shed minimally and have a classic, conical shape and strong branches that won't droop under the weight of heavy ornaments."

TOPPER

Stars and angels are classic tree

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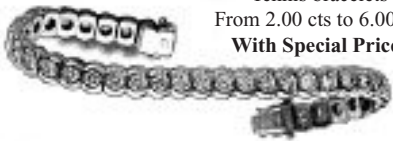


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toppers. For something more unique, consider faux antlers or a thick satin ribbon tied in a bow, Sforza says.

LIGHTS

"When stringing lights, start at the bottom of the tree and work up," Sforza says. To make taking down the lights easier, she recommends dividing the tree into three vertical sections, and then running the lights through the interior and exterior of the branches to add depth to the design. Consider using LED lights, which burn up to 80 percent less energy and give off less heat.

GARLAND

An average-sized tree (6 to 7 feet) will typically use 60 feet of garland, Sforza says. She suggests creating homemade garland out of beads, faux pearls, knotted twine or rope, colorful buttons and satin ribbon.

ORNAMENTS

To give the tree depth, ornaments should be hung toward the inside of the tree and on the branch ends.

Place them where they won't touch the branch below.

STAND

An average-size tree requires a stand with a base of about 20 inches in diameter that holds at least a gallon of water. Only plain tap water is needed; do not add bleach, aspirin or fertilizer, which can reduce moisture retention and increase needle loss. Before securing the tree in its stand, cut one-half inch off the base. A fresh cut reopens the pores that take up water. Check the water level daily to ensure it stays above the tree's base. "If the tree looks dry, adding hot tap water to the stand can speed up intake," Sforza says.

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Once blended into a shaved ice, put in a paper cone and decorate with candies and sugar crystals.

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